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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Reaping and Gathering Fruit

By Evangelist D. L. Moody

"And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."—John 4:36.

I want you to get the text into your hearts. We have a thousand texts to every sermon, but they slip over the hearts of men and women. If I get this text into your hearts today, with the Spirit of God, these meetings will be the brightest and most glorious ever held in Chicago, for it is the Word of the Lord, and His Word is worth more than ten thousand sermons. "He that reapeth receiveth wages."

I can speak from experience. I have been in the Lord's service twenty-one years, and I want to testify that He is a good paymaster—that He pays promptly. Oh, I think I see faces before me light up at these words. You have been out in the harvest fields of the Lord, and you know this to be true. To go out and labor for Him is a thing to be proud of—to guide a poor, weary soul to the way of life, and turn his face toward the golden gates of Zion. The Lord's wages are better than silver and gold, because He says that the loyal soul shall receive a crown of glory.

If the Mayor of Chicago gave out a proclamation stating that he had work for the men, women, and children of the city, and he would give them \$1 a day, people would say this was very good of the Mayor. This money, however, would fade away in a short time. But here is a proclamation coming directly from the throne of grace to every man, woman, and child in the wide world to gather into God's vineyard, where they will find treasures that will never fade; and these treasures will be crowns of everlasting life; and the laborer will find treasures laid up in his Father's house, and when after serving faithfully here, he will be greeted by friends assembled there. Work for tens of thousands of men, women, and children. Think of it and the reward.

These little children, my friends, are apt to be overlooked; but must be led to Christ. Children have done a great deal in the vineyard. They have led parents to Jesus. It was a little girl that led Naman to Christ. Christ can find useful work for these little ones. He can see little things, and we ought to pay great attention to them. As I was coming along the street today I thought that if I could only impress upon you all that we have come here as to a vineyard, to reap and to gather,



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we shall have a glorious harvest, and we want every class to assist us.

Ministers Are First Responsible for Soul Winning

The first class we want is the ministers. There was one thing that pleased me this morning, and

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Herbert W. Armstrong A False Prophet!

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, Contributing Editor

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many."—Matthew 24:11.

Many readers have written to us inquiring about the trustworthiness of a radio program which originates in Pasadena, California, and is conducted by a Herbert W. Armstrong. His ministry is heard on many stations throughout North America, Britain, Europe and various portions of the world. As a matter of fact, he advertises: "Broadcast World Wide—on Every Continent!"

Both his radio and printed ministries began in 1934 and they have grown until, to use his own words, it "is thundered to the world over more than FIVE MILLION WATTS of radio power every week! 175,000 copies of *The Plain Truth* are read every month. And the Message is published monthly in 1½ MILLION COPIES of Cappers' Farmer, in a large advertising space of a page and a third."

Modesty apparently is not one of Armstrong's virtues! In a letter which I received from him, dated November 27, 1958, he declared: "I'm going to give you the frank and straightforward answer. You have a right to know all about this great work of God—and about me. First, let me say—this may sound incredible, but it's true—JESUS CHRIST FORETOLD THIS VERY WORK—IT IS, ITSELF, THE FULFILLMENT OF HIS PROPHECY (Matt. 24:14 and Mark 13:10)!"

Again, in the same letter, he boasted: "Astounding as it may seem, there is no other work on earth proclaiming to the whole world THIS VERY SAME GOSPEL that Jesus taught and proclaimed!"

He went on to insist: "And LISTEN AGAIN! Read this twice! Realize this, incredible though it may seem—NO OTHER WORK ON EARTH IS PROCLAIMING THIS TRUE GOSPEL OF CHRIST TO THE WHOLE WORLD, as Jesus foretold in Matthew 24:14 and Mark 13:10! This is the most important activity on earth today!"

What "Born Again" Means

By Dr. Jim Mercer, Evangelist
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"—Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."—John 3:3.

These are the words of the Lord Jesus Christ. These words close the door of Heaven to all those who do not have this experience.

When a person is "born again" several things take place:

1. He is saved.
2. He is forgiven.
3. He is regenerated.
4. He becomes a child of God.
5. His name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
6. He has eternal life.
7. He is changed.
8. He becomes a new creature.

This is not all, but you can readily see that being "born again" is the most important thing that can ever happen to a human being! And, if this new birth does not take place, there is absolutely no hope of Heaven for you.

I. The New Birth Then Is a MUST

Jesus said, "Ye MUST be born again" (John 3:7).

The very fact that our Lord said, "Except a man be born again . . ." suggests that there must have been something wrong with the first birth!

Born Wrong

Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh" (John 3:6), and again Scripture tells us, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh" (Rom. 8:5). "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God" (Rom. 8:8).

We were born first of the flesh. We must be born again of the Spirit to enter the kingdom of Christ.

In the FLESH we are sinners. In the SPIRIT we are saints. In the FLESH we are condemned.

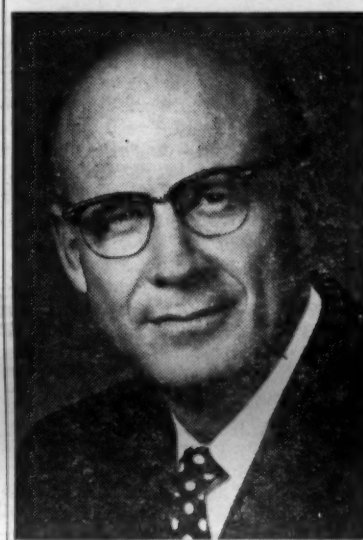
In the SPIRIT we are saved. The first birth puts us in the family of man!

The second birth puts us in the family of God!

Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6).

The Psalmist cried, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Ps. 53:5).

So we see from the Bible that all of us are by our very nature sinners. Something is dreadfully wrong with man! He is from his mother's womb a naturally born sinful creature.



Dr. Jim Mercer

Man Goes Astray From Birth

"The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray AS SOON AS THEY ARE BORN, speaking lies"—Ps. 58:3.

Every one knows that something is wrong with the world!

I have a little book written by a dear saint who is now with the Lord. The title, *What's Wrong With the World?* is very interesting. In this book Dr. Comfort tells exactly what's wrong with almost every part of this world! He tells, and uses the Bible to back up every detail, what's wrong with COMMERCE, EDUCATION, HOME, SOCIETY, THE CHURCH, POLITICS. In a most brilliant manner he shows what the Holy Bible outlines, and then how far we have missed God's plan!

The very last chapter in this great book gets down to the root of all man's trouble. The title

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The Editor's Notes

What a wonderful conference on revival and soul winning we had at Winston-Salem, North Carolina! January 29-February 5 were tremendous days at the Faith Baptist Tabernacle, Woughtown Street, Winston-Salem. The Sword of the Lord conducted the conference and co-operating officially were the Faith Baptist Tabernacle, Rev. Paul Raker, pastor; Cedar Forest Baptist, Rev. Thomas Slade, pastor; Hillcrest Baptist, Rev. Buddy Tuttle, pastor; Gospel Light Baptist, Rev. Bobby Robinson, pastor; Woodland Baptist, Rev. Zeno Groce, pastor; Urban Street Baptist, Rev. G. E. Renegar, pastor, and Faith Missionary Alliance, Rev. Don Lyster, pastor.

This editor began with three services on Sunday, and with me were Rev. Bud Lyles, announcer on the "Voice of Revival" broadcast, and Billy Carl Rice, my son-in-law, as song leaders and soloists, and Mrs. Joanna Rice as pianist and singer. On Monday and through Friday we had the tremendous help of Dr. Tom Malone of Pontiac, Michigan; Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, and Rev. Jack Hyles, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana.

It was, many have said, the best Sword of the Lord conference they ever attended. The blessed Holy Spirit hovered over all the services, moved and empowered the speakers and singers, convicted, inspired, and filled many, many who heard. Perhaps 150 or 175 preach-

ers attended from some fifteen states, including New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois in the north, as well as many southern states.

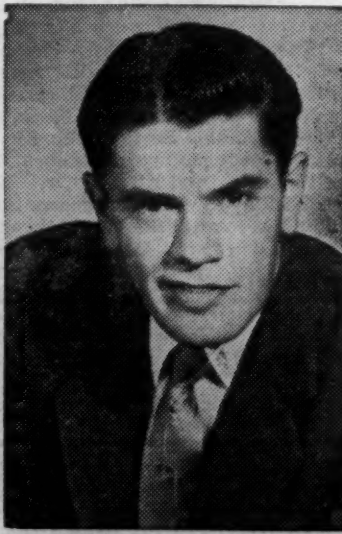
Great emphasis was put on soul winning and the power of the Holy Spirit in the messages from 9:30 in the morning until noon, and the two services 6:45 and 8:00 p.m. in the evening. Then on Wednesday Brother Jack Hyles had over two hours of instruction and demonstration in personal soul winning, and Wednesday and Thursday two hours were spent in supervised house-to-house visitation. Although there was sleet on the ground and schools were closed on Friday, many were saved. About sixty people claimed Christ as Saviour during the conference. Many of these came out publicly, including a number of men.

The theme song of the conference turned out to be my song, "Here Am I," in the new *Revival Specials* songbook used on the "Voice of Revival" broadcast.

Some Ministers Want City-Wide Campaign in Raleigh, North Carolina

On Monday Brother Bill Mann, who worked two years with the Sword of the Lord and with me in setting up city-wide campaigns, drove me to Raleigh, where I was engaged to speak Monday night at Oak Lawn Baptist Church with Pastor Pat Henry. At one o'clock

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Evangelist R. L. Sumner

INCIDENTS

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Who's a Crook?

They say it takes a crook to catch a crook. While doubting the reliability of that statment, nonetheless, in Evansville, Indiana, an irate customer made out his \$11.80 check payable to "Waterworks Crooks" and mailed it to the city water department in payment of an overdue sewer and water bill.

The check went unchallenged through the city office and was duly deposited at the bank.

That was as far as it got.

However, the bank did not object to the way the check was made out. They merely returned it to the city marked "Insufficient Funds!"

Another reminder of Romans 2:1: "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."

Search for Security

Private pension and retirement plans cover 17 million Americans! A Twentieth Century Fund study has learned that these funds now total approximately 45 billion dollars every year and that their phenomenal growth has made a major impact on our country's economy since World War II.

At the present time there are some 68 million workers, including these 17 million under private pension and retirement plan, who are covered by Social Security. Predictions are that the time is not far off when almost every family will be under a "financial umbrella" when the day arrives that their breadwinner is no longer able to produce.

Yet as comforting as this thought is, one cannot help but think of the farmer described by Christ in Luke 12:16-21 who was such a great success in storing up fruits and goods but neglected to prepare for his soul. *Soul security is much more important than social security.*

That is what Jesus meant in the statement He made before introducing the story of the farmer-fool: "Take heed, beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

Do you have soul security?

Japanese Wisdom

The non-Christian nation of Japan has set a good example for the professing Christian nation of America. The National Television

Network of that country, which is supported by the government, has ordered that all the American cowboy programs and their Japanese counterparts, sword-swinging Samurai, must not be shown any more.

Officials of Japan are convinced that the violence portrayed in American Westerns, American detectives and their own Japanese Samurai TV series "has a strong influence on the actions of the nation's youth." For this reason, they have decided to replace the violence with "heart warming" home dramas "in a move to protect the morals of the younger generation."

Americans seemingly do not care that much about the morals of their youth.

Governmental Ingratitude

General John C. Fremont was a national hero who claimed California for the United States in 1846 in the war against Mexico. During the Civil War he fought on the Union side and won many battles. Between the two wars, he bought a 14-acre tract near the entrance of San Francisco Bay for \$42,000 and built a \$40,000 mansion for his wife. During the Civil War the Government took over his property.

When the war ended and Fremont returned home, he requested the Government to give back his property. Secretary of War U. S. Grant replied that "for the time being" the Government could not do so. The property then was known as Fort Mason.

Fremont appealed to Congress and 12 different times Congressional committees approved his petition, but representatives of Southern states, remembering Fremont as the Yankee general who freed hundreds of slaves wherever his army marched, blocked the move.

In 1890 death forced the General to lay down his fight, an impoverished, bitter man of 77. His widow continued waging the war against the Government until her death in 1901. Their son, Major Frances Preston Fremont, fought the fight until his death in 1925. Then his son, Benton Fremont, came back from his engineering job in Cuba to carry on.

In the meantime, another dozen bills calling for restitution to the Fremonts were approved by Congressional committees, but for one reason or another they always died without being passed. The latest one died last September. In October, Benton Fremont entered the San Francisco County Hospital crippled from a series of heart attacks and weakened by pneumonia, where he died a pauper—just a few miles from his family's Government-held estate. The property is now valued at \$2,300,000. Benton's son, an Air Force jet pilot, flew back from Europe to bury his father and, perhaps, to continue the fight.

It seems incredible that our Government could show such gross

Man Sent from God

A Biography of Dr. John R. Rice

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, Contributing Editor

Chapter 10

God's Hundredfold

"Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."—Matthew 19:27-29.

On his face before God at 2 o'clock one morning in a YMCA room on the south side of Chicago, John Rice definitely committed himself to God to bring back mass evangelism to America—city-wide campaigns such as had been conducted by Moody, Torrey, Billy Sunday and others. He surrendered his tongue, his pen, his paper, his entire being into the hands of God to be used at His disposal toward this end. He did not care how it happened, just as long as it happened. If God wanted to use him to preach to the multitudes, he was willing. If God wanted to raise up other evangelists to do the job, he was willing for that. All he wanted was to see great revivals to return to America with their ultimate result of the winning to Christ of hundreds of thousands of precious souls for whom He died.

Almost immediately, seemingly, God began to open wider doors and give him greater opportunities in his own campaigns. Whereas he had been holding one-church meetings—and some of them in smaller churches—now he began to have invitations from larger churches and groups of pastors began getting together to have him lead them in union campaigns. As we consider the results of his campaigns they do not compare in number with some of the large city-wide crusades of the present, but let it be remembered that his union meetings were held under entirely different circumstances. He held his meetings in a day when evangelists were either considered crooks and money-grabbers or fanatics and fools—today

ingratitude to such a loyal son, yet that ingratitude pales into insignificance compared with man's ingratitude to the Saviour who came from Heaven's glory to provide redemption at such an incomprehensible price. The only explanation for this ingratitude seems to be found in the Saviour's cry from the cross, "They know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

Thru March 5:
Olivet Baptist Church
45th & Adams Streets
Kansas City, Kansas

March 12-26:
Grace Baptist Church
Cedar & Main Streets
Austin, Minnesota

Down Grade Continues

The San Diego County Council of Churches' paper, *Christian Progress*, of January 1961 carries a front page headline, "Annual Youth Worship Service, Feb. 5th," with a large picture of the speaker with this underline, "Dr. W. ROBERT SMITH, Ecumenical Youth Week Speaker, is Professor and Chairman, Department of Philosophy, Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota, and an ordained Presbyterian minister." "Truly a friend of young people, he is much in demand at denominational and ecumenical youth camps, conferences, and college organizations throughout the country," said an accompanying letter. The offering will be used to send a youth delegate to the World Council of Churches meeting in India. Is this what Bethel and the Baptist General Conference sanction?

—From *Blue-Print*

able to get totaled two hundred and ninety-two. But there were many more. I personally know of four who accepted Christ who were not in the inquiry room where a record would have been obtained. How we do praise God for the great number of high-school kids that were saved. I personally received thirty-nine cards from those who gave our church as their preference. You will recall the two boys who brought so many of their buddies to Christ. It was a happy Young People's meeting that we had Monday evening at our home, hearing this high-school gang tell how they accepted Christ in the meeting.

Other reports said there were four hundred and thirty professions of faith.

In April of the same year the Rice-Shufelt team went to Buffalo, New York, for another city-wide crusade. Services were held in the Kleinhans Music Hall and crowds continued to grow until the closing services when 3,759 people, by ushers' count, jammed and crowded into the building. There were hundreds standing and hundreds of others were turned away because of firemen's regulations. There were about seventy-five public professions of faith in that service. There were over one hundred churches co-operating in the campaign and Rev. Seward S. Wells served as the chairman. Beginning with an Easter sunrise service, the campaign ran three weeks and closed on April 30. The total number of professions of faith was nine hundred and ninety-seven, about seven hundred of which were first-time professions, the others backsliders who were reclaimed from a life of sin. In addition, there were thirty-four young people who publicly surrendered for full-time service, planning to take training for the ministry or mission field.

Rev. Walter W. Keeney, pastor of the Calvary Gospel Tabernacle, wrote the evangelist after the meeting had closed:

Now that the campaign is over and we are once again engaged in our various churches, we can begin to realize something of the great results of your campaign in Buffalo.

Our church received cards of forty people who made their decisions during your campaign and this does not begin to tell the results that took place in connection with our church. Christian people have been revived and there is a new determination among the children of God to give themselves completely to the Lord to be used in His service. Last Friday night, in our house-to-house visitation, there were ten people who accepted Christ as Saviour. The Lord was pleased to give us souls at our services Sunday, and I spoke with other pastors in the city who were also rejoicing in souls that had made decisions in their churches.

I have been through a number of large campaigns in the city, one with Billy Sunday for two weeks, during which I led the song service; one with Gypsy Smith in which I arranged for the personal workers and the ushering; but never in the twenty-five years that I have worked in the city of Buffalo, have I seen such an evangelistic service as God was pleased to give us under your leadership. Not only did the meetings attract the largest congregations, but there was a deep spirit of conviction wrought by the Holy Spirit that I have never seen equaled before. The after-effects proved the genuineness of the revival. People have not lapsed back into their old ways. There is a new spiritual tone and atmosphere throughout the city, and everywhere one goes, he finds Christians who are anxious to do the will of God.

One of the preachers remarked today that you are a preacher's preacher. Surely you have the Christian love of all the pastors who were privileged to labor with you for the salvation of souls. We appreciate the work which the Lord accomplished through you and Brother Shufelt while you were in our city. I cannot wish for you better

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Way to Victory for A Sinning Christian

By Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor

Recently I received a heart-broken letter from a soldier who had been saved and then fell into terrible sin. The young soldier is now mocked by his unsaved companions who know of his sin, but he writes me as follows:

"Brother Rice, I still want Jesus to live in my heart. I have told Him what a mistake I made and I am awfully sorry. Would you tell me how I can face it all? I realize, Brother Rice, I just am not any good, but I still want to be a Christian. I guess I am, all washed up and confused about the whole thing. Please tell me how I can get straightened out."

Believing that my answer to this troubled soul may help some other Christian who has failed God, I publish my answer here.

God Forgives and Cleanses His Children When They Confess Sins

The Lord loves you still and is willing to forgive you. In I John 1:9 is this wonderful promise, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So if you honestly have confessed your sin to God and turned from it in your heart, He has forgiven you. You have given yourself to Christ and He loves you and will not let you go. You are God's child. If you did not confess your sin, then God would not give you peace, your prayers would not be answered, and you would not have victory. But if you confessed your sin to God and have honestly turned from it, then you can have sweet fellowship with the dear Lord and have His help each day. Now it is right for you to still hold on to the Lord Jesus, love Him and serve Him, and never give Him up. Re-

member, you may be a weak child but you are God's child!

Christians Should Honestly Confess Their Sins to Those Affected

Now when you have made things right with God, you still have the problem of making things right with people. To do this, two things are necessary. First, you will need to admit honestly that you have done wrong. If the question comes up, do not dodge it but admit to both saved and lost companions that you did wrong. Second, you will need to prove yourself. At first they may mock you, but if you stay straight they will grow to respect you.

It will be hard but I think you should confess to your family that you lied. You need not go into all the details perhaps, but at least you should let them know that you did wrong, that you sinned, that you wasted the money, and that you have forever turned your back on this sin. Pray about it and God will give you wisdom and help you to do right. You see, if we take up for our sins and lie about our sins, unsaved people do not respect us. But if we face them honestly, confess them and turn from the sin, till they know that we mean business, then others will respect us.

At first you will have some heartache. Well, you have it coming to you so face it like a man and live it down. There is no easy, painless way to get out of sin

without embarrassment and shame. But if you live steady and straight, it will become known, and little by little you will gain the respect of all people.

The Way to Daily Victory and Joy

Now, the most important question is how can you have daily victory and live a clean, strong, happy Christian life each day? I will tell you how. First, set out to read your Bible earnestly each day. Read several chapters, meditate upon it while you read. Pray for God to help you understand it and love it. Mark about one good verse every day so you can find it easily, read it over and over and try to memorize it. The Bible will help you live a good life, if you take time to read it, learn it, and meditate on it continually. You cannot be a strong, victorious Christian without feeding on God's Word.

Second, take time for secret prayer every day. It is best to pray early in the morning, I think, as well as at night. Every day confess your failures and sins and ask God to forgive and cleanse them. Tell God all your burdens. Ask Him for help. Keep on praying until you have peace in your heart each day.

Third, you need the fellowship of good Christians. Go to church. Run with Christian boys as much as possible.

Fourth, do not confuse the matter of salvation with Christian victory. Christ saved you once for all when you turned to Him in your heart and trusted Him for salvation. You may have Christian victory each day. If you do wrong and your conscience hurts you, then God wants you to confess your sin and take time to get things fixed up. But, He still loves you and Christ is still your Saviour and friend and God is still your Father. So never give up your hope in Christ and He will never give you up.

I suggest that any troubled Christian who finds himself somewhat a backslider or not victorious should get my 24 page pamphlet, *The Backslider*. It tells, with many Scriptures, why people backslide, whether the backslider is saved or lost, how miserable are the results of backsliding, and how to get right. (Price 25c, THE SWORD OF THE LORD Publishers.)

ored His Word. There was much visible blessing, many a heart spoken to, and a fresh zeal and consecration to pray for the lost and to go out and reach them for the Lord. Praise His wonderful name!"

From Round Lake, Illinois, comes this happy word from a soul who has recently found Christ:

"Dear Brother Rice: 'I was a lost sinner, deep in sin. I wanted to be a Christian, but I knew not the way of salvation. I met a Christian girl who invited me to church. I went, and the other night I was at the pastor's house where he not only gave me your booklet, but he explained it to me. And I became saved, and let me tell you it is wonderful. All I want to do is tell the world how wonderful is God's power, so I am telling you so you can know that another lost soul has found salvation. And also my ten-year-old son has accepted the saving grace of God. I have no wife so that completes my family in the light of the Lord. Remember myself and my son in your prayers so that we both may grow strong with God and help show the way for other lost souls.'

"Yours with God,
(Signed) Charles W. Chase"

The secretary of the correspondence department of the Jamaica Bible School in Mandeville, Jamaica, sent this happy word:

"Dear Mr. Rice: 'You will be interested in learning that a Jamaican girl was recently saved after reading one of your tracts, *What Must I Do to Be Saved?*' When one of our Bible school students was on the train, he handed the tract to a girl who was at the station. It happened that his name and address were on the tract. Later he had a letter from the girl, although he did not remember the girl, for there were



A Column for Wives and Mothers

By Jessie Rice Sandberg

Summer Is Coming!

It is 3:45 p.m.

It has been a lovely winter's day. From my kitchen window I can see the school children on their way home, some skipping, some dawdling over a puddle, others trudging along together, laughing over some private joke of their own. The sun is still smiling proudly at his handiwork of the day—snowbanks melted down to almost nothing and tiny rivulets of water running beside our street. Even though the shadows are becoming horizontal and the distant hills are taking on the lavender cast of evening, the air still wears that spring-like feeling we've had all day. The sub-zero weather of a week or two ago already seems like ages past. We are almost deceived into believing that winter is nearly over.

I have just been thinking how much of our lives are judged by comparisons. For example, this day which I have enjoyed so much is lovely because it comes as a sharp contrast to this season when the days are usually dark, the wind has a cruel bite to it, and all the wonders of our Illinois vegetation are locked beneath a blanket of ice and snow. But should we have such a day as this breaking into the perfection of a lovely summer the story would be different. Our 40-degree temperature would not seem warm

many at the station. The girl stated in her letter that after she read the tract, she took the Lord Jesus as her Saviour.

"Could you send us 500 of these tracts? Soon the students will be going to their home districts for the holidays, and they will want tracts to take with them. We shall appreciate what you are able to send."

"Yours for souls in Jamaica,
(Signed) Jane Sudduth"

Here is a blessed word from one who has her doubts settled about salvation:

"Gentlemen: 'I am sending a check for \$3.00 to cover one year's subscription to THE SWORD. I was given a sample copy of THE SWORD and there was one article in it which was 'How to Be Saved and to Know It' in the August 12 issue.

"I believe it did more towards clearing up the confusion in my mind about knowing whether I

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after all. The gray-green of the grass peeking now through the last vestiges of yesterday's snow would seem ugly by the lush green hues of June. The black naked trees (a comfortable and familiar sight in the wintertime) would look ghastly and out of place in a summer landscape. Even this sky, with its bright winter sun, would probably look a little forbidding in the setting of a warmer season.

Spiritually, too, this old world is wrapped in the cold darkness of winter. So many of our dreams are like the bare trees—empty and fruitless. We seem to be constantly beaten down by the bitter winds of criticism and disappointment. All the good things we hope to do with our lives often seem to be frustrated and frozen by our own weakness and sin and buried under banks of discouragement and disillusionment. Even though we know the Sun of Righteousness is in the sky, His face is often hid by winter clouds of despair and so we cannot feel the warmth of His presence.

And then suddenly, in the middle of our heart's cold winter, we feel the soft, summer breath of revival. The sun smiles down in warming rays and here and there the hardness of men's hearts begins to melt. Our prayers, so long unanswered, break through the hard ground like spring blossoms and our ambitions and endeavors, cultivated and planted so long ago, begin to bear fruit in that brief taste of summer.

Sometimes, after a period of refreshing and blessed revival, we are disappointed to discover that what we have enjoyed is not really summertime yet, only the promise of what Glory will be like. We still have to face more icy blasts, more frozen dreams, more dark days when we cannot see God's face.

True, winter is not quite over but how good the Lord is to give us, now and then, that sweet taste of what eternity will be like in the endless presence of the Lord Jesus. And how doubly wonderful to realize that the very best of God's blessing here will seem like darkest winter compared to the flawless perfect fulfillment of fellowship with Him in the summertime of Heaven.

Does the winter seem long and cold, Christian? Take heart; summer is coming!

Blowing Our Own Horn

By Viola Walden, Editor's Assistant

Maybe when you see articles in THE SWORD OF THE LORD which give comments of our readers who like the paper, or Sword books, you think we are blowing our own horn. Maybe you wonder just why we pass these letters on to you. I would like to tell you!

You see, we who work here in the office are working here with one primary motive—to serve the Lord. We could take other jobs and spend our time doing something else. But to us, the most important thing is to get out the Gospel, to see lost people saved and to see Christians blessed. Since the Lord has led us here, this seems to be the best opportunity to do that. And our joy in working for the Lord here is the main reward, not the amount we receive per hour of work.

So in a way we are receiving our pay check when we get a letter saying, "I read one of your books and trusted Christ," or "THE SWORD OF THE LORD is a blessing in our home." That really is the thing we are working for. Our hearts are made glad, then, and we are grateful that the Lord has given such wonderful results to the efforts we make.

Therefore, it is natural that we are happy over every letter with such news in it, and we count that a privilege. It is in the spirit of mutual rejoicing that we share the letters with you, the readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, who are also interested in blessing people and bringing the lost to Christ.

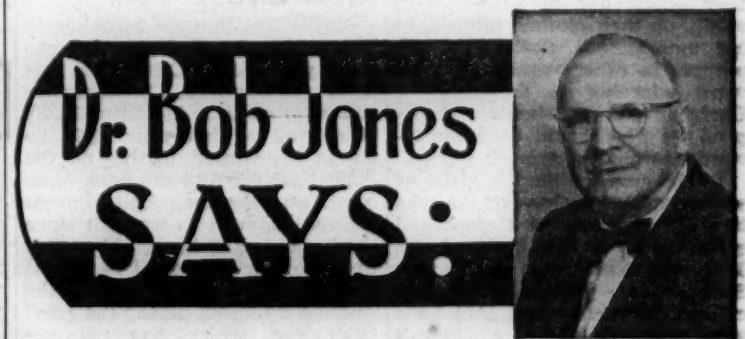
Another reason is this: We, knowing what a blessing THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the books have been in so many thousands of homes and lives, are eager to get them into every home we possibly can. To this end we want to do all we can to encourage you to order our books, and to renew

your subscription, to subscribe for friends and loved ones, and to suggest that others subscribe to THE SWORD OF THE LORD and purchase Sword books. We feel that if you know, as we do, the wonderful results of the paper, you will want others to receive it, too. We feel that if you see what THE SWORD and books have done in other homes you will want your loved ones to have the same benefit.

So to impress that on your mind, we print the letters and comments of those who have been blessed.

From Devonshire, England, a preacher, Rev. G. Gotzen, wrote:

"I am not able to express in words how thankful I am to the Lord and to you for sending me THE SWORD OF THE LORD without any charge. Every week I look forward to its arrival and eagerly tear open the wrapper to see and read what God has to say to me through its articles. Your sermon on the water, typifying the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer, was a tremendous blessing to me. After I had read it, I asked the Holy Spirit to empower and fill me and to give me authority and boldness to preach the Word. That coming Sunday I was booked to preach at a Methodist church, which although the majority of the congregation were saved, they were in a state of apathy and could-not-care-less attitude for lost souls. And the Devil was getting at me and saying I should not preach a message to them which would be radical and personal. But on reading your article and the one, 'Unpopular Preachers,' I claimed the Spirit's power and guidance and He led me to Jeremiah 6:16, my sermon entitled, 'Back to the Old Paths.' God hon-



Dr. Bob Jones
SAYS:

I have often quoted in my appeals to you orthodox, Bible-believing Christians from letters received from former students. I quote now from a letter received from a present student who is a married man and who lives in Greenville, S. C.: "I want to express my thanks to you for founding Bob Jones University so that we can get such a distinctive Christian education. My backbone has been strengthened, and my devotion to Christ has been intensified. Our hearts are full of praise."

My friends, I know that many of you are praying for us; and we thank you so much. Your prayers are being answered, but there is something else you can do. You can

invest some of God's money in the work of Bob Jones University. We are trying to hold to the minimum the expenses for room, board, and tuition; and we are also trying to build our reserves so we can make loans to students who are not able to pay in full. Now, you can pray for us; and I am sure every one of you who reads this appeal could help Bob Jones University to train young people by investing at least some money in the work of the school. Won't you please let us hear from you? Thank you, and God bless you.

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Editor Answers Bible Questions

By John R. Rice

MAY CHRISTIANS WEAR JEWELRY?

"DOESN'T I TIMOTHY 2:9, 10 MAKE IT CLEAR THAT A CHRISTIAN SHOULD LAY ASIDE GOLD, PEARLS, OR COSTLY ARRAY?"—A READER ANSWERED BY THE EDITOR

My dear Mrs. —: I am glad that you felt free to write to me. I am always glad to have comments by my good friends and by brothers and sisters in Christ about THE SWORD OF THE LORD. And I want to please the Lord in everything.

You ask, "Doesn't I Timothy 2:9, 10 make it clear that a Christian should lay aside gold, pearls, or costly array?"

I do not think that is what the verse says. The verses you mention are as follows: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

The Scripture does not say that a Christian is to lay aside gold and pearls or braided hair. It says that that is not a good Christian woman's adornment. Her adornment is inside, a matter of her character, that is, good works. To wear a gold wedding ring is not wrong. To plait the hair or braid the hair is not wrong. But to depend on gold rings or braided hair for adornment is not right in the case of a Christian woman. She should depend on good works. Vanity, and a worldly mind are always wrong. But decent clothing and modest adornment are not necessarily wrong according to the Scripture.

The same question comes up again in I Peter 3:3-6 which reads as follows:

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."

Notice that the real adorning of a Christian is not outward adorning, not plaiting of the hair, not wearing of gold, not putting on of clothes. That does not mean it is wrong to plait the hair. It does not mean it is wrong to wear gold. It does not mean it is wrong to put on apparel. Christian people ought to wear clothes (apparel), but they ought not to be set with vanity on their clothes, and thinking more about clothes than is proper. In other words, the outward adorning is the thing a Christian woman should not depend on. She should have the inward adorning of a meek spirit.

In this passage Sara is given as an example of such a woman who had the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, obeying her husband. Yet we have reason to believe that Sara wore jewelry and fine clothes. When Abraham sent for a wife for Isaac, his son and Sara's son, he sent along jewels for the girl. The servant gave Rebekah earrings, bracelets, and other jewels of silver and jewels of gold, as you see in Genesis 24:22, and in verse 53.

"And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses" (Gen. 24:35). So Abraham had the silver and gold before Sara died, and he no doubt had bracelets and earrings. Perhaps Sara wore them before she died. Certainly Rebekah wore them later. You see it is not wrong for a woman to wear modest jewelry, but it would be wrong for her to be vain about it, or have her heart set on her

clothes or her hair or her adornment outwardly. God wants a Christian woman to have the beauty and adornment and attraction of a meek and quiet spirit, which is so important in God's sight.

Thank you so much for writing. You are right that any Christian ought to be willing to give up anything that God requires. But we would do very great harm if we go to making rules which God doesn't make, and if we go to requiring incidental things, outward things which the Bible does not require, and think that we please God by living up to certain rules, instead of being Spirit-filled, soul-winning Christians.

Yes, I am against worldliness, but we must not make up our own definitions of worldliness.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

SHOULD CHRISTIANS OBSERVE THE JEWISH CEREMONIAL SABBATH?

1. You say, "Did not Christ's followers observe the Sabbath according to the commandment after our Lord's death? Luke 23:56."

ANSWER: The Sabbath mentioned there is the annual Sabbath, the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, the day when the Passover lamb was killed. See Exodus 12:16. Here in Luke 23:54 we are told, "And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on." It was the day of the preparation of the Passover, the day preceding the eating of the Passover and the first day of unleavened bread. John 19:31 says, "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day) You see, that Sabbath which began at sundown the day Jesus was crucified was not a regular weekly Sabbath, a common Sabbath, but a High Sabbath, an annual Sabbath, a rest day. Certainly until Jesus Himself, God's Passover Lamb, should die on the appointed day, it was proper to keep the Passover Sabbath looking forward to His death. But that was not the weekly Sabbath, and there is no indication that Christians ever kept either of these Sabbaths after the death of Christ.

2. You say, "Why did Jesus say, 'Pray that your flight be not on the Sabbath?' This flight from the Romans occurred a number of years after Calvary, I think. Were they still honoring the seventh day?"

ANSWER: You are mistaken in thinking that this flight occurred some years after Calvary. It has never yet occurred. The Scripture you referred to is Matthew 24:20, "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day." And the next verse continues, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." That flight will be a flight from the Antichrist himself during the great tribulation, which has not yet come upon the world. A little remnant of Jews, unconverted, will be in Jerusalem, trying to observe the Mosaic law. They are here warned of the terrible tribulation. If they should try to observe the limit of a two-mile journey on the Sabbath when the army of the Antichrist is after them, they would be killed. This does not refer to Christians during this age, but to Jews still trying to keep ceremonial law, unconverted, during the tribulation time. These, of course, will observe the Jewish Sabbath which was given to Jews.

3. You asked, "Just when was the Sabbath discontinued?"

ANSWER: Just when the rest of the ceremonial law was discontinued, just when animal sacrifices

were discontinued. All of these are mentioned clearly together in Colossians 2:16, 17: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." The keeping of ceremonial laws about meat and drink, about holy days, new moons, and Sabbath days, are all together, ceremonial laws. They are "a shadow of things to come." The body is Christ Himself. After Christ fulfilled the law, the ceremonial laws which pointed to His coming were no longer necessary. New Testament Christians should not observe the Sabbath as Colossians 2:17, 18 plainly says.

4. You say, "It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever. Are the Jews duty-bound to keep the Sabbath today? and always hereafter? (It seems so.)"

ANSWER: There are indications that Jews during the millennial reign of Christ will observe the Sabbath. Since the Sabbath is a special sign between God and Israel, it seems likely that as long as Israel is regarded as a separated nation, that long the Jews will keep this part of ceremonial law. Jews who are converted now are not set apart by this matter, because the nation Israel is now not dealt with as a whole by the Lord. Jews converted now are simply Christians and that is all. I would not say that a converted Jew today needs to observe the Sabbath, or should.

5. You say, "Because of Galatians 3:29 may it be concluded that all who accept Christ have become a part of God's Israel? If so, are we all included in Exodus 31:17?"

ANSWER: Certainly not. To be a Jew spiritually is not the same as being a Jew. When God speaks of spiritual Jews, He means that those who believe, as Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness, are saved like believing Abraham was, and are therefore, in a spiritual and not in a literal sense, Jews. Because there are some things in the Bible that have a spiritual and figurative meaning, we cannot properly infer that there is no literal truth in the Bible and that no Scriptures are to be taken at face value. God still means what He says when He promises certain things to the house of Jacob. The Sabbath is not a sign between God and Gentiles. In fact, it could not mean a special sign for Jews and be a sign for everybody else, too. A wedding ring would not be a special sign between a man and his wife any longer if he gave all the women the same kind of ring and they wore them.

6. You say, "Is there Scripture to explain why Paul in Acts honored the Sabbath so many years after Calvary?"

ANSWER: Paul did not honor the Sabbath. Paul after he was saved never observed the Sabbath.

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

DR. PHIL SHULER, 5760 West 60th, Arvada, Colorado, recently held a two-week revival in the Grace Baptist Church of Sidney, Nebraska, where Rev. James Green is pastor. Children's meetings were conducted daily by Evarett Mills, song leader and children's worker, connected with the evangelistic team. Rev. Nick Buongiorno was in charge of the personal work. There were 76 saved, 22 rededications, and 16 who consecrated their lives to the Lord, 32 who pledged to win souls, and 2 who surrendered for full-time work for the Lord.

EVANGELIST GLEN SCHUNK, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held an eight-day meeting in January at the Normandy Baptist Temple in Jacksonville, Florida. Rev. W. A. McMillan, pastor, reports that 40 came trusting Christ as Saviour, many came to move their letters, and in all there were over one hundred decisions. The pastor re-

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By Aunt Mary

Do you like to hear jokes and tell jokes? I think that at every party our little boys have had some little boy told a joke, and then someone else had a joke to tell, till for a little while, joke-telling was a game. It has always been funny to me and fun. Little six-year-old boys don't always get the point of a joke they have heard Daddy tell, and sometimes they twist the joke in telling. But they enjoy them, and even grownups think it is fun to see what they laugh at.

Let me tell you a joke someone passed on to me the other day. One day the teacher asked Johnny, "If the President should die, and the Vice-President should die, then who would officiate?" Johnny thought for a minute, then said, "The undertaker." Of course the teacher meant, "If President Kennedy should die and Vice-President Johnson should die, who would become the next President?" And the straight answer would have been, "Dean Rusk, the Secretary of State."

I have been surprised to find that my children have learned the names of the new members of President Kennedy's Cabinet sooner than I because they were assigned those names as a school project. I couldn't give the whole line of succession, as to who would follow Dean Rusk, if a

himself, and never commanded anybody else to observe it. When people met on the Sabbath, Paul sometimes entered the synagogue and preached to the people on the Sabbath. But preaching is not honoring the Sabbath. Not a single command anywhere tells us we should have preaching on the Sabbath. Going to church is not keeping the Sabbath. The command about the Sabbath was to rest, to remain in their houses, not to light a fire, on the Sabbath. Going to church, preaching, and such matters, are not observing the Sabbath. Paul never did observe it, after his conversion. Frequently I have preached on the streets on Saturday, because on Saturday there are big crowds on the streets in many towns. I was not observing the Sabbath, I was simply preaching the Gospel where there was a good opportunity. For exactly the same reason Paul preached in the synagogue at the time when he could get a crowd.

7. You asked for an explanation about what is the mark of the beast.

Your mind is too much colored by Seventh Day Adventist teaching. If you had studied the Scripture without bias you would see that the beast has not appeared, cannot appear until the tribulation time after the rapture of the saints. Until the beast appears, naturally there will be no mark of the beast. The beast will be a world dictator, who is yet to arrive. The mark will evidently be a literal mark in the forehead or in the hand. The Sunday matter could not be the mark of the beast, in the very nature of the case. This is one of the most foolish teachings of the Seventh Day Adventists and without a line of Scripture to back it up. The way to avoid the mark of the beast is to get saved and serve God. Then when the rapture comes you will be taken away with the Lord Jesus. And even those who are left in the world who are saved will not take the mark of the beast. There will be no doubt about it when the beast appears and begins to put his mark on people's hands and foreheads. It is foolish to worry about it now.

8. You asked if the pope is the beast.

Certainly not. By shifting Roman letters and numerals one can get fantastic figures that add up to 666, but if you could do that about me, that would still not make me "The Beast."

major catastrophe should occur. But God willing, surely never will all three of these major officers die within a four-year term.

But that joke, "The undertaker would officiate," reminds us that God said, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). The great and the small, presidents and children, all at some time must die and meet God, unless Jesus comes back while we are still alive. You want to be sure that when you appear before God that your own stained record page will be replaced by the perfect, sinless record of the Lord Jesus. That is why He died for you!

Let me take time again to welcome our new members. Susan and Daniel Schapp in Holland, Michigan, began the New Year with a resolve to read the Bible, a chapter every day, to pray and ask God for help each day, and daily forgiveness for sins. Kathy Franz in Springfield, Illinois, who is almost nine, and Sally Teague who lives in Lisbon, Iowa, and is nearly twelve, also sent in membership applications. Carroll Smith in Ayden, North Carolina, and Karen Hensley in Evansville, Indiana, who is nine years old, have ceived their pins, too. (Happy Birthday, Karen.)

I also want to welcome our new adult members. Surely Christians, grown or small, should want to keep a pledge such as the *Sword-Bearers* sign. We are happy for each of you. But we particularly rejoice about each child who begins a lifetime habit of prayer and Bible reading with many years ahead. Welcome to Miss Bertha Combs in West Alexandria, Ohio, Miss Mildred Preston in Iliff, Colorado, Mrs. James Leek in Ottumwa, Iowa, and Mr. LeRoy Stewart in Tinley Park, Illinois.

We praise God for encouraging words from our grownup friends. Mrs. Sylvia Wallace in Tucson, Arizona, is a real blessing. Recently I talked to another mother who told me how for more than two years she has cut out every *Kids Korner* column to save until her little girl was old enough to read them.

You remember at the beginning of the year I suggested that if you have been a *Sword-Bearer's Club* member and have failed to keep your pledge complete you should ask the Lord's forgiveness and begin again to do right. Susan Pierce in Memphis, Tennessee, wrote, "I have failed to do my best. But I certainly hope I won't this coming year! I hope that you will be praying that I won't forget this year." She goes on to tell how she is now reading and enjoying the book of Genesis. We appreciate Susan's bravery in facing the facts that she has not been as good a Christian as she ought to be. She will do better this year because she has asked the Lord's help and forgiveness.

God bless you each one!

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What "Born Again" Means

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of this chapter is, "What Is Wrong With You?" and his text is, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way . . ." (Isa. 53:6).

Every day we hear thoughtful people say, "This world is in a mess." "We are living in a terrible day."

Here in America the Republicans blame the Democrats; the Democrats blame the Republicans; we blame the educational system; the parents blame the children!

Who, then is to blame?

The simple, plain Bible answer is, "All have sinned" (Rom. 3:23). "All . . . have gone astray" (Isa. 53:6). The whole human race is to blame! Each individual is to blame! We do wrong because, by our very nature, we are wrongdoers! We sin because we are sinners!

All the programs for progress proposed by fallen man is doomed to failure before it ever gets under way.

The Bible plainly shows this whole world reeling and rocking toward Hell!

The instability of our monetary system; the growing inflation of the American dollar; the rapid rise of socialism; the awful apostasy of our churches; the tremendous pressure under which we have to make a decent living for our families; the fear of war; the atomic bomb; the threat of Red China; Castro in Cuba; Russia; the poverty and disease; the continual war between labor and management; racial strife and tension; over-crowded, ill-equipped mental institutions; broken homes; rapid increase in violence and crime; rotten politics; stolen elections; the awful liquor traffic; over-crowded highways; increasing tax burden; sex immorality glorified in movies and television and on the news stands!

What is wrong with this generation? SIN! The same thing that was wrong with every other generation since Adam and Eve sinned against God in the Garden of Eden!

When you educate a sinful man, he is a more dangerous menace! When you make him rich, he is still worse. Education and financial improvement are obviously not the answer to our problems in the world today!

Listen to an important paragraph by the historian, Berdyayev. Said he, "Man's historical experience has been one of steady failure, and there is no ground for supposing that it will ever be anything else. NOT ONE SINGLE PROJECT elaborated within the historical process has ever proved successful. NONE of the problems of any historical epoch whatsoever has been solved! No aims attained, no hopes realized." (The Meaning of History, p. 199).

The whole history of man shows a downward trend, and outside of the Gospel of Christ there is absolutely no hope for anybody!

We were born wrong, and we went astray from birth. We are of the flesh, and we do the things that are after the flesh.

We must be "born again," Jesus said. We must have the new, or second birth! This is a spiritual birth. Those who have been "born again" are the "sons of God." They, and only they, can live a spiritual life that pleases God. Now, read carefully the following from Romans, chapter 8, verse 1: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT."

Every one walks after the flesh until he is "born of the Spirit." No one can walk after the Spirit until he is "born of the Spirit."

"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit"—Rom. 8:5.

II. The New Birth Is a Mystery

The new birth that Jesus says MUST take place if one is to get into the kingdom of God is indeed one of the great MYSTERIES of the Bible. There are many things in this world difficult for human

beings to understand. This is one of them.

Thomas Edison said that he did not understand electricity! But he became famous with its use! He certainly did not deny its existence. I don't know very much about electricity, but I do know how to push a button that turns on the light! I know it's there when I need it. It remains a mystery to me. I do not understand it, but I am grateful for it!

The new birth, according to Jesus, is a MYSTERY. The Bible teacher to whom Jesus spoke in the third chapter of John admitted that he did not comprehend what Jesus was talking about.

The Bible says that Nicodemus was a "ruler [teacher] of the Jews." He was a "Pharisee" (John 3:1). I suppose that from what we read about this man in the Bible he was one of the best men outside of the kingdom of God! But he was on the outside. He was still "in the flesh." He had never been "born again."

He was religious; he was sincere; he was courteous; he was educated; he was a respected citizen! His problem was that he had never been "born again." That is your problem if you have not had this wonderful thing happen in your life! Have you been born again? I have! You can be "born again" today if you want to be. We have good evidence in the Bible that Nicodemus was born again by giving heed to what the Lord Jesus Christ said to him in this very chapter under our attention today! God is so good to show us the way to Heaven in simple language so there need be no mistake!

Yes, Jesus admits to Nicodemus that the new birth is a mystery, but then He explains that all we need to know to experience it is simple and plain and not hard for us to grasp! It is profoundly simple! It is wonderful, thrilling, amazing, and glorious! Just think—in less time than it takes to finish reading this message, you can be born into the kingdom of God! You can have as your very own this life imparted by the Spirit of God that never dies! It is called "everlasting life."

You ask, "What can I do?" And I answer, "There is nothing you can do because all that needs to be done has already been done for you." And yet that is not the whole answer, because there is something for you to do! Something you ought to do; something you can do—something you can do this very moment!

Give me your undivided attention while I give you the greatest news that ever fell from the lips of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is the "story that never grows old."

The new birth is a MUST, if you are to be saved from your sins, and go to Heaven when you die!

The new birth is a MYSTERY; and yet God has set forth in simple language the MEANS whereby you can have this wonderful experience.

III. The Means of the New Birth

The GOSPEL is the means! The GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD! The "Good News" of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! The word "Gospel" means "good news."

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION to every one that believeth"—Rom. 1:16.

Jesus preaches the Gospel to Nicodemus in the third chapter of John, starting with these words:

"And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, EVEN SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be

saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God"—John 3:13-18.

The good news is that this wonderful Lord Jesus came from Heaven to be "lifted up" on the cross to shed His "precious blood" for our sins!

The love of God! "God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, CHRIST DIED FOR US" (Rom. 5:8).

The good news is that God saw our sinful, weak, helpless condition, and perfected a merciful plan to rescue us! Out of Heaven came His "only begotten Son" to save us! He pays the price of our redemption by dying in our place! "He died for us"! That is what He did! He was "lifted up": That whosoever believeth in him should not perish!

This Gospel is the "POWER OF GOD TO EVERYONE" THAT BELIEVES! This is the "good news" of Christ!

The BAD NEWS is that all who are not saved are LOST. All who are not "born again" are "CONDEMNED."

What can I do to be saved? "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou SHALT BE SAVED" is God's Bible answer!

Is not that the GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS)?

There is much confusion in the world on the subject of "how to be saved," but there is no confusion in the BIBLE on this important theme! God has only one answer, because there is only ONE WAY.

This "being born again" (I Peter 1:23) is the only gateway to Heaven! "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the WORD OF GOD, which liveth and abideth for ever."

The Holy Spirit uses the WORD OF GOD (the Gospel) to regenerate a poor lost sinner! It is a miracle wrought of God!

IV. The Miracle of the New Birth

The book of John is written that sinners might be borne again (John 20:30, 31).

In the very first chapter we read of the miracle of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ! God becomes a man without losing His deity. The second miracle is the miracle of the new birth! "Which were BORN, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD" (John 1:13).

We are told that "He was in the world, and the world was made by him [Jesus], and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:10-12).

" . . . POWER TO BECOME SONS OF GOD" comes from God! It is God's miracle! It is not of men, nor by men, nor through men! IT IS OF GOD.

Beware

Notice in the above Scripture that there are three different ways, all of men, whereby we cannot be born again! God points out these three errors in one short verse!

Let us look briefly at each one of them, and beware that we do not fall into the traps that have damned so many!

First, the new birth is "not of blood." This means that we do not get this born-again experience through the natural birth from our blood relatives! It is wonderful to have spiritual parents who fear God and who live consecrated



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Christian lives, but one of the devil's subtle ways of deceiving people is to get them to think they are Christians because they are born to Christian parents, and taught and brought up in fine godly homes!

Second, the new birth is not of the "will of the flesh." This means that man is utterly helpless to save himself! We have already seen from the Scripture that it is impossible to please God in the flesh! The flesh can be reformed, the flesh can be trained. The flesh can even be religious, BUT as long as a man is unsaved there is not one thing that he can do to save himself apart from coming to the miracle-working Christ of God who alone, and with His own power, can bring about this birth!

Thousands go to Hell as "do gooders." Christians have an obligation to feed the poor, to visit the sick, to give alms, to relieve the oppressed, to attend church, to be baptized, to take part in public worship. These things we (who have already been born again) ought to do! But beware! The doing of all these things will not bring about the miracle of the new birth! Listen to God's Word as He declares, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).

He saves us! He washes us! He renews us! He regenerates us! It is His working in us. It is a MIRACLE!

Thirdly, " . . . NOR OF THE WILL OF MAN." This means that God has not put this soul-saving power into the hands of any group of people—man cannot help you here! There is absolutely no group—Civic nor Ecclesiastical—that has this right, authority, or power. Beware, then, of this danger to your soul!

There are many wonderful churches in the land where Christians ought to be members, and every born-again believer has this solemn obligation. But there is no church that can save you! If you depend upon your church to get you to Heaven, you will not go to Heaven. That is not God's way! You have to be "BORN" into the great family of God! You may grow in the church, but you cannot GROW until you have been "born again." One of God's appointed means of spiritual growth, for the believer, is through the church program outlined in the New Testament. But in the Bible only born-again people are "added to the church."

The "church" is a group of people who have already had this miraculous experience of the new birth. I know that what are commonly called "churches" in many places are filled with people who have not been born again, but that is not God's fault, and that is not God's plan, and that will not save anybody. The new birth is a MIRACLE wrought by the Holy Spirit when a convicted, repentant sinner "receives" the Lord Jesus Christ. "To as many as received him, TO THEM gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12).

We see that being born again is "not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD" (John 1:13).

It took a miracle to save my soul! It will take a miracle to save you!

We have a miracle-working God! I joined the church in my home town when I was a twelve-year-old

boy, but I was not born again. There was no miracle. When I was a fifteen-year-old boy I went forward in a revival meeting, but there was no miracle! I honestly tried to do good. I quit all my 'bad habits' and reformed myself, but there was no miracle! After a few months of trying to be a Christian, I quit trying and started doubting the very existence of God!

Finally, when I was a 21-year-old sceptic, God started to work in my life! He showed me that I was a sinner, unfit for Heaven and unable to save myself!

Lost, and miserable, and weak, I came to Jesus, and cast myself upon His mercy! He wrought the MIRACLE of the new birth. HE SAVED ME!

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prophet who is proclaiming "another gospel: which is not another" (Gal. 1:8, 7).

I. Teaches Observance of Old Testament "Holy Days"

Mr. Armstrong is a strict legalist and in his conviction that believers of this age are to observe the law, he includes the continuance of the Old Testament "holy days." He says: "Passover, the days of unleavened bread, Pentecost, and the holy days God had ordained forever were all observed by Jesus, and the early apostles; and the converted Gentile Christians (Acts 2:1; 12:3; 20:6; 18:21; I Cor. 5:7, 8; Acts 20:16; I Cor. 16:8)."—Page 4, *Easter Is Pagan!*

However, by checking his "proof" references, one immediately observes that there is not the slightest intimation that Jesus, the early apostles, or the converted Gentile Christians observed these holy days. The only exception might be Acts 18:21 and, obviously, Paul was not there referring to keeping a legalistic feast, but simply about reaching Jerusalem in time to proclaim the liberating Gospel to those in Judaistic bondage from all over the known world who would be assembling for the observance of that feast at that particular time.

Mr. Armstrong ignores the fact that this same Apostle Paul wrote a letter to some others who were confused about legalism, specifically stating to them: "Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, wherunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain" (Gal. 4:8-11).

A sample of Armstrong's dishonest twisting of Scripture to serve his purpose is noted in the use of Acts 2:1 as a proof-text for the statement that the apostles and early Christians observed Pentecost. It is a simple matter to turn to Leviticus 23:15-22 and discover what the observance of Pentecost involved. Obviously, the apostles and early Christians who were assembled "with one accord in one place" were not observing that holy day in the legalistic sense. In like manner, his proof-text in I Corinthians 5:7, 8 actually teaches the exact opposite of a literal holy day observance. And it is significant to note that he does not bother to explain how it would be possible to literally eat "the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Colossians 2:14-17 contains a strong biblical statement to the effect that we are not to observe the "holy days" of the Old Testament now that Christ, the Substance, has come. Mr. Armstrong would have us ignore the Substance and honor the shadow!

II. Dishonesty and Deception in Making Statements

The matter of how he dishonestly twisted Scripture to try to prove literal observance of Old Testament holy days is by no means an isolated case. In reading his various pamphlets, I noted several instances where he taught as fact things which should be obvious to all who know anything about the Bible that they are untrue.

For example, in setting forth the teaching that the true church would always be a minority (and the Bible does teach this), he makes the loose statement: "Second, although Jesus said the gates of hell would never prevail against His Church, yet it is everywhere prophesied through the New Testament as the 'Little Flock'—never as a great, large, popular universal church." (Pages 7, 8, *Easter Is Pagan!*)

Note the statement, "it is everywhere prophesied through the New Testament." How many times is this "everywhere prophesied" statement found?

Just once!

Jesus used that expression in Luke 12:32 and it is found no other place in the Word of God.

Even there it could hardly be called a "prophecy," but rather a simple statement to the disciples whom He was addressing on that particular occasion. To say that the Church "is everywhere prophesied through the New Testament as the 'Little Flock'" is strange dishonesty for a man who publishes a monthly magazine called *THE PLAIN TRUTH*.

Another example of his dishonesty is when he, without any biblical warrant whatsoever, changes days into years simply to suit his theories. On page 9 of his booklet, *Easter Is Pagan!* Armstrong says: "The prophecies bring this Church into concrete focus in the 12th chapter of Revelation. There she is shown spiritually, in the glory and splendor of the Spirit of God, but visibly in the world as a persecuted, Commandment-keeping Church driven into the wilderness, for 1,260 years, through the middle ages!"

On page 12 of the same booklet, he says again: "Finally, in order to keep the true Way of God, a large portion of the true Christians (composing the true Church) 'fled into the wilderness,' as foretold in Revelation 12:6, where they were fed on the pure Word of God 1,260 long years!"

In neither instance does he attempt to offer an excuse or even admit that he has changed the days into years; he simply makes the statement as if it were a fact. Yet *THE PLAIN TRUTH* is that the language of Revelation shows those 1,260 days to be literal days and the same days are in other places called "forty and two months" and, again, "a time, and times, and half a time," or, three-and-a-half years (Rev. 11:2, 3; Rev. 12:14).

Another case of his dishonesty is seen on the opening page of his booklet, *What Kind of Faith Is Required for Salvation?* He says: "It is customary to quote only a PART of the Scriptures on this subject—reading a false meaning into them—and thus by subtle half-truths, popular teachings shackle most of Christendom to spiritual blindness and deceptions."

"God does not usually reveal all the truth respecting a particular subject in any one passage alone. Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? . . . Precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little" (Isa. 28:9, 10)."

Yet the very Scripture he quotes to prove how others are dishonest in only presenting "PART," shows his own dishonesty in the same matter. He quotes verses 9 and 10 of Isaiah 28, yet God goes on to explain what He is really talking about in verse 13, which Armstrong does not quote: "But the Word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward and be broken, and snared and taken."

Armstrong's purpose in his *What Kind of Faith* booklet was to try and prove that the promise of God in Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house," is not a true statement by itself. He simply does not think it is possible to believe and be saved. Yet God said, "shall be saved," not "get started on salvation," as Armstrong would like to have it teach. We will deal with this matter more later under another point.

The proof-text he offered from Isaiah does not have to do with God's principle in setting forth salvation in the Bible, but rather with a specific instance of His dealing with backslidden Israel in order to bring about her just chastening for her sin.

Another dishonesty is in his statement: "It is significant that in Daniel's prophecy of the 'Seventy weeks' (Dan. 9:24-27), Jesus was to be cut off 'in the midst of the week.' While this prophecy has the application of a day for a year, so that this 70th week became a literal seven years, Christ being 'cut off' after three and a half years' ministry, as He was, yet it is significant that He was also 'cut off' ON THE MID-

DLE DAY OF A LITERAL WEEK!" (Page 9, *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday!*)

First, note the following errors in his interpretation relative to Daniel's "seventy weeks": (1) He puts the seventieth week in the past while it is actually still in the future; (2) He applies the statement about the Antichrist, called here "the prince that shall come," to Jesus Christ; and, (3) He confuses the breaking of the covenant by the Antichrist with our Lord's crucifixion at Calvary.

But, aside from the false interpretation, note the dishonesty in his effort to make out that Christ is "cut off" in the midst of the seventieth week (or after three and a half years), while in reality the prophecy declares that "Messiah will be cut off" after "seven weeks, and three score and two weeks"—before the seventieth week ever begins!

Again, while admitting that the seven years is a literal period of time, Armstrong nonetheless tries to make it also apply to a seven-day week just so he can prove that Christ was crucified on Wednesday—something about which the prophecy makes no intimation whatsoever.

These are just a few instances in which Herbert W. Armstrong is guilty of what Paul called "handling the word of God deceitfully" (II Cor. 4:2) and proves conclusively that he is not worthy of the respect of Bible believers. Perhaps I should add that his dishonesty includes quoting fundamental, evangelical sources on a "buddy-buddy" basis—giving an uninformed reader the impression that they agree with him and he agrees with them. *The Sunday School Times* (Pages 11, 12, *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday!*) and George Muller (Page 8, *What Is Faith?*), are but two illustrations of this type deception.

III. Teaches Observance of Weekly Sabbath

It is not merely the observing of the ceremonial feasts of the Old Testament which Mr. Armstrong insists is for the age of Grace, but the weekly Sabbath as well. He says: "The New Testament reveals that Jesus, the apostles, and the New Testament Church, both Jewish and Gentile-born, observed God's Sabbath, and God's festivals—weekly and annually!" (Page 12, *Easter Is Pagan!*)

Note that he again uses the same proof-texts which he used when trying to prove his "holy days" point. However, the New Testament clearly teaches that we are not bound to the ceremonial sabbaths—weekly or annual—as was the nation Israel. In the passage I previously eluded to but did not quote, Colossians 2:14-17, the Word of God says:

"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

We are thus told that the "sabbath days" were nailed to the cross of Christ and taken "out of the way" at the time of His death and resurrection. This is true of the weekly sabbath and it is true of the annual sabbaths.

Now it is true, as God says in Romans 14:5-10: "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. But why doest thou judge thy brother? or why doest thou set at naught thy

brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

IV. Teaches Christ Arose on Saturday Afternoon

Without going into the details of his argument on this particular point, suffice it here to simply quote his conclusion: "... we now may know THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST OCCURRED LATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON" (Page 8, *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday!*)

However, what are the facts?

In revealing how Christ prophetically told His followers of His coming crucifixion and resurrection, the Word of God tells us: "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day" (Matt. 16:21).

Then, in Luke 24:17-21, the two on the road to Emmaus, talking with Jesus without knowing who He was, pin-pointed that resurrection day. The Scripture says: "And he [Jesus] said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done."

What day was that "third day"?

The opening verse of Luke 24 tells us, "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning . . ." And, in the thirteenth verse, we are told that the conversation between the Risen Redeemer and the two travelers took place "that same day"! Hence, it was on the first day of the week that the disciples said

"... to day is the third day since these things were done."

Christ arose on the first day of the week! It says the same thing in Mark 16:9, "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils."

To use an Armstrongian expression, the PLAIN TRUTH is that Christ arose from the grave on the first day of the week, not on Saturday afternoon.

V. Teaches God Planned to Wreck His Creation by Sin!

Strange and unbelievable as it may seem, Mr. Armstrong makes God directly responsible for the sin and failure of mankind. For example, he says in one of his books: "Now if Satan did not succeed in thwarting God's will, wrecking God's perfected and completed Creation, then the only alternative is to say that it all happened according to God's will—exactly as God himself originally planned!" (Page 8, *Why Were You Born?*)

Again he states: "Satan did not break into the Garden of Eden in spite of God—did not do one single thing contrary to God's great PURPOSE! All that has happened had been planned before of GOD—and all is progressing exactly as GOD WILLS."

"Oh, what a WONDERFUL TRUTH!" (Page 9, *Why Were You Born?*)

Mr. Armstrong's conception of what a "wonderful truth" consists of contrasts sharply with this writer's opinion! (Incidentally, the emphasis in the two quotations above, as with all the other quotations I have taken from his writings, is just exactly as given by Mr. Armstrong.)

It would be absolutely and utterly impossible to harmonize his statements in the above quotations with the teaching of the Word of (Continued on page 7)

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God in such places as James 1:13-16, where we read: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren."

There is a world of difference between saying God permitted a thing and that He planned a thing!

VI. Teaches Salvation by Works!

We have already mentioned how Armstrong ridicules the thought that salvation comes simply by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. The teaching of salvation by works is scattered repeatedly throughout his writings, but just one quotation should suffice for here.

In his booklet, *Why Were You Born?* he says: "By GRACE are ye saved through faith . . . for we are his workmanship, CREATED in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them!" (Eph. 2:8-10). Notice, there are GOOD WORKS to salvation! WHY do the preachers always stop quoting at verse 9, never reading this 10th verse!" (Page 11, *Why Were You Born?*)

Perhaps it might be well to ask why he omitted all of verse 9, which says, "Not of works, lest any man should boast," and why he omitted the same declaration in verse 8, "And that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Apparently that which he condemns in others is proper and fitting for himself—a good illustration of Romans 2:1, 2.

But to answer Mr. Armstrong, one reason why preachers stop quoting after verse 9 is that there is a period there; it is the end of a statement. Verses 8 and 9 have to do with salvation. Verse 10 has to do with something entirely different—the aftermath of salvation—that is, Christian living. As far as salvation is concerned, an individual is saved completely and entirely by grace through faith. But when he has received that salvation, this new spiritual life is to be manifested in the good works which God planned for that one to "walk in" before an ungodly and unbelieving world.

No one denies that "good works" are God's plan for the Christian once he has been saved by grace through faith, but those "good works" certainly do not make him a Christian. As a matter of fact, the two cannot possibly be mixed since the Word of God tells us: "And if by grace, then it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work" (Rom. 11:6).

In this matter, Mr. Armstrong is guilty of teaching "another gospel: which is not another," thereby earning for himself the anathema of Almighty God (Gal. 1:6-9).

VII. Teaches That Salvation Is a Process and That None Are Saved Now!

Naturally, if Armstrong does not believe in salvation by grace through faith, he could not offer assurance of salvation for himself or for anyone else. He is compelled to teach in his writings, as he does:

"Salvation, then, is a PROCESS!"

"But how the god of this world would blind your eyes to that! He tries to deceive you into thinking all there is to it is just 'accepting Christ,'—with 'NO WORKS'—and presto-chango, you are pronounced 'SAVED'!"

"But the BIBLE reveals that NONE is yet 'saved!'" (Page 11, *Why Were You Born?*)

This false prophet, who is deceiving so many, enlarges upon his theme of salvation by works—which includes baptismal regeneration—and his salvation "process," by saying further on in the same booklet:

"And this process is brought about, in God's great PURPOSE, by a man first coming to see HOW WRONG are the ways of mortal

humans, thinking and living CONTRARY to the revealed LAWS OF GOD! The first stage is REPENTANCE! Surrender to Almighty God!

"God sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world as a human being, to pay for us, in our stead, the penalty we have incurred by the transgression of God's spiritual Law. So the second step in our salvation—our SPIRITUAL CREATION—being BORN of the Spirit—is to accept Christ Jesus as personal Saviour, being baptized for the remission of sins. Then God's PROMISE is that we shall receive HIS HOLY SPIRIT. And that is the entrance of the very LIFE of God—the impregnating 'germ,' so to speak, of eternal life—the begetting of the life of GOD. We then compare to an unborn babe in its mother's womb. And, after the experiences of the Christian life, if we overcome, grow in grace and knowledge, and endure unto the end, then at the time of the RESURRECTION, this MORTAL shall be instantaneously CHANGED INTO immortality—this flesh and blood body shall BECOME a SPIRIT body! Then, and not until then, shall we be FULLY BORN OF GOD."

"Then, and not until then, shall our CREATION be fully completed!" (Pages 12, 13, *Why Were You Born?*)

What a contradiction this is to Christ's guarantee in John 5:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, HATH everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but IS PASSED from death unto life."

Remember, too, John's positive declaration in I John 5:11-13, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Which do you prefer to believe: Armstrong or the Word of God?

VIII. Teaches That Jesus Got Saved!

One of this antichrist's (I John 2:18) most amazing declarations is that Jesus got saved. He writes: "Jesus, alone, of all humans, has so far been SAVED! By the resurrection power of GOD! When Jesus comes, at the time of the resurrection of those IN CHRIST, He then brings His reward with Him!" (Page 11, *Why Were You Born?*)

Again he says, "Jesus, the captain or LEADER of our salvation—the one who led off, setting us an example—the only one so far completed—even HE was made perfect, and THROUGH SUFFERINGS!" (Page 13, *Why Were You Born?*)

Then still again he insists: "Jesus is the author of our salvation—He WROTE that salvation BY HIS EXPERIENCE, and that was the first writing of it—He was the first human ever to achieve it—to be perfected, finished as a PERFECT CHARACTER!" (Page 14, *Why Were You Born?*)

But to say that Jesus needed salvation is to say that He was a sinner. This the Bible repeatedly and emphatically denies, describing Him as One who "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15) and "who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (I Pet. 2:22).

It is a strange doctrine of a strange religion which requires Jesus to "get saved"!!

IX. Teaches That We Can Eventually Become God!

Of all the strange teachings of this strange radio personality, perhaps the strangest is his teaching—which smacks of Mormonism—that man has a possibility of becoming god by accepting the "Armstrong Gospel" and "holding out faithful to the end." In the booklet, *Why Were You Born?* he teaches:

"The PURPOSE of life is that in us God is really re-creating His own kind—reproducing Himself after His own kind—for we are,

upon real conversion, actually begotten as sons (yet unborn) of GOD; then, through study of God's revelation in His Word, living by His very Word, constant prayer, daily experience with trials and testings, we grow spiritually more and more like God, until, at the time of the resurrection we shall be instantaneously CHANGED from mortal into immortal—we shall then be BORN of God—WE SHALL THEN BE GOD!"

"For the word 'God' comes to us from the Hebrew word 'Elohim,' which means the Everliving, Eternal-Creating, All-powerful, Governing KINGDOM. 'Elohim' means one God—not many gods. But that ONE GOD is a KINGDOM. There is but one true CHURCH—one Church, but many members! (I Cor. 12:20).

"So it is with God.

"As an illustration, there is the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom; and we might segregate it and designate the human kingdom, in this material world. Spiritually, there is the angel kingdom, and, high above all, the KINGDOM OF GOD. A human—flesh and blood—cannot enter into the Kingdom of God (John 3:6), but one BORN of God can!"

"Do you really grasp it? The PURPOSE of your being alive is that finally you be BORN into the Kingdom of God, when you will actually BE GOD, even as Jesus was and is God, and His Father, a different Person, also is God!" (Pages 21, 22, *Why Were You Born?*)

And again this religious madman declares: "You are setting out on a training to become CREATOR—to become GOD!" (Page 22, *Why Were You Born?*)

I dare say that many of the professing Christians who are listening to Herbert W. Armstrong—and sending him money for the support of his broadcast—would cease immediately if they realized that he taught such abominable heresy. It was Job who cried, "Oh . . . that mine adversary had written a book" (Job 31:35). Mr. Armstrong made that mistake and his theology (or, more fittingly, demonology) is now in print for all the world to see, if they will but investigate.

X. Teaches That Britain is Ephraim, America is Manasseh!

Mr. Armstrong follows the fanciful folly of British-Israelism in claiming that Britain is Ephraim and America is Manasseh. I do not have the time nor the space to go into the many arguments which he sets forth in his booklet, *The United States and The British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, but suffice it to say that his conclusion identifies Britain and America as two of the lost ten tribes, that is, Ephraim and Manasseh.

In the same booklet he offers a feeble explanation regarding the other eight missing tribes, saying, "Suffice to say here, that there is ample evidence that these other eight tribes have descended into such northwestern European nations as Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Northern France, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and at least portions of western Germany. The people of Iceland are also a Viking stock" (Page 22, *The United States and The British Commonwealth in Prophecy*). He neglects to note what this "ample evidence" is and one suspiciously wonders if there is any!

In his booklet, *1975 in Prophecy* (which is really not as sensational or revealing as the title implies), Armstrong follows his foolish reasoning about Britain and America by quoting Christ's words in Matthew 24:9 in the following manner: ". . . ye shall be HATED of ALL NATIONS . . . Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall KILL YOU."

He identifies Britain and the United States as the "ye" our Lord meant here, referring to his *British Commonwealth in Prophecy* booklet as proof, adding, ". . . He meant US. We are the nations that are HATED by all other nations today—or hadn't you realized that alarming fact?" (Page 14, *1975 in Prophecy*)

However, once again we see the Armstrong deceit at work in a feeble, futile attempt to prove his false contentions, even at the price

of perverting Scripture. Note that, in this quotation of our Lord's statement, he omits Christ's words, "for my name's sake." Obviously, Britain and the United States are not being "hated" for Jesus' sake, so Armstrong must scrap that part in his effort to deceive the gullible.

Note, too that Armstrong quotes the last half of the verse first and the first half last, yet gives no indication that he has done anything amiss.

Why does he change the order? Because it changes the meaning to suit his purpose! The "Armstrong Version" has the affliction and killing the aftermath of the hatred. His "reversal" puts the "then" of the statement after the hatred, not before (or with) it!

Conclusion

One could go on *ad infinitum* with evidence of this perverted heretic's deceptions, lies and false teachings which are, in reality, outright blasphemy. However, we have given ample proof in this article to establish definite, scriptural conclusions.

First, beyond any question of doubt, Herbert W. Armstrong is a false prophet who proclaims a gospel contrary to that taught in the Word of God. His doctrine is wrong regarding the Person and Work of Jesus Christ, hence it is not Christian doctrine.

Second, because his work is not a Christian work, it does not merit the prayer, support or interest of Christian people. It would be as wicked to send money to Armstrong as it would be to give money to Satan himself. Money sent to Armstrong actually finances the devilish program of warfare against God's Word and God's dear Son.

Third, II John 9-11 says: "Whoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

Note that anyone who helps Armstrong spread his wicked slander against the Person and Work of Jesus Christ becomes "a partaker of his evil deeds." But it is even more dogmatic than that! Simply welcoming him into

Editor's Engagements

Many of our readers ask from time to time if the editor is to be in their vicinity. For your convenience I list here my speaking engagements for the next few months.

February 26-March 5, in Denver, Colorado, first with Lakewood Baptist Tabernacle, Rev. Tom Moore, pastor, then several other churches in one-day stands.

March 12-19, Miller Road Baptist Church, Garland, Texas, and Pastor Tom Landers.

March 26-29, speaker at the annual Bob Jones University Bible Conference, Greenville, South Carolina.

April 16 and 17, Taylor Center Baptist Church, 23622 Goddard Road, Taylor, Michigan, Rev. Aubrey W. Henderson, pastor.

April 23-30, Faith Baptist Church, 7430 West Forest Preserve Drive, Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Eugene Harrison, pastor.

I hope I can see many of you in one of these places in the next few months.

Dr. Archer Weniger At Pillsbury Baptist Bible College

To attend college at Pillsbury in Owatonna, Minnesota, costs the student \$663 a year for board, room, tuition and fees. The average cost of 490 colleges is estimated at \$2,000. The pastor had a delightful visit last Thursday with President Monroe Parker in his office. It was a thrill to look out over this vast campus to the beautiful site for the needed women's dormitory which will cost \$200,000 to build. No land to buy—the site is all ready.

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the house makes one a co-laborer with him in his devilry! It is not stretching truth at all to say that Armstrong is "received into your house" when you listen to his radio broadcast. Good Christians who are desirous of pleasing their Saviour will not listen to the World Tomorrow broadcast or receive into their house the *Plain Truth* magazine.



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With the Evangelists

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ports that this was the finest revival in his twelve years there in the church. The pastor reports that as a result of the revival and the soul-winning clinic taught in the morning services, his people are going out winning others to the Lord. He recommends Brother Schunk as a humble, Spirit-filled, tireless servant of God.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, P.O. Box 127, Grover, North Carolina, was in the Oak Cliff Baptist Temple, Dallas, Texas, the last week in January. Pastor Marvin W. Earnheart reports 29 saved, 19 additions, 71 rededications, and 33 new tithers during the meeting. The pastor recommends Brother Duncan as a fervent preacher and Spirit-led evangelist.

EVANGELIST BILL HALL, 129-B White Oak Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, closed a revival meeting recently at the Community Bible Church of Annapolis, Maryland. Rev. B. W. Hatcher, pastor, reports 22 saved, 24 decisions among Christians, and 18 uniting with the church.

EVANGELIST DEL FEHSENFELD, 6427 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, held a revival in the New Testament Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri. The meeting was scheduled to go from January 4-15, but the Lord richly blessed and they continued on an extra week. The pastor reports

"the church has been lifted to a high plain spiritually. Many souls were saved, but even more significant is the fact that many of our church members were saved!" He reports that the prayer meetings have more than doubled and the visitation program completely transformed. He heartily recommends Brother Fehsenfeld as a fervent evangelist who brings genuine revival to a church under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

EVANGELIST PAUL LEVIN of Box 508, Waterloo, Iowa, and **BLIND SINGER BOB FINDLEY** held an eight-day revival in the Belmont Bible Church of Anderson, Indiana. Rev. Steward Weber, pastor, reports over 40 decisions for Christ, the majority of them first-time decisions for salvation. The pastor reports that a genuine spirit of revival prevailed and the church was greatly helped.

REV. DAMON E. WYATT, pastor and evangelist, from West Norfolk Virginia, held a revival in the Community Church of Norfolk, December 26-31. The Lord blessed and 15 souls were saved, plus 6 rededications. Rev. Tom Douros is pastor.

EVANGELIST DON CHENOWETH, P.O. Box 2, Tampa, Florida, just concluded a meeting with the Massillon Baptist Temple of Massillon, Ohio, where Rev. Bruce Cummons is the pastor. The beautiful new auditorium seating nine hundred on the main floor was well filled every night. The pastor said that the best crowds attended this meeting of any revival effort thus far. In the twelve-day campaign there were 56 persons who came forward for membership or salvation.

Blowing Our Own Horn

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was actually saved or not, even though I have never known from earliest childhood when I did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God and that He died for my sins. I joined the Methodist church when I was about 12 or 15 years of age, but that was a long time ago.

"So thank you, Brother Rice, for that wonderful article. I will be anxiously looking forward each week to THE SWORD.

"Sincerely,
(Signed) Mrs. R. E. Collins"

Rev. Bill Dudley, pastor of the First Baptist Church in North Bend, Oregon, recently let his subscription expire. When he sent in his renewal he said:

"Enclosed is my check for three dollars. Send me THE SWORD OF THE LORD as soon as you can. I let my subscription expire recently thinking that I received too many periodicals. Brother, perhaps I do, but THE SWORD is not one of them. I have been getting spiritually hungry without its messages. It

is sort of like a pastor to me. I preach every week and seldom hear preaching so I get my food-preaching food from THE SWORD."

A seaman aboard the S. S. Constitution sent in his worked puzzle with this word:

"I was introduced to THE SWORD OF THE LORD yesterday for the first time. My aunt from the States gave it to me as reading material on a sea voyage from New York to Lebanon. I was very much interested and read it all. It is the kind of paper that our present sick world needs. May the Lord bless its ministry and reach many unsaved souls through it."

"Sincerely,
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"Evangelical" What Does It Now Mean?

By the Editor

We fear the "New Evangelicalism" is not new; we are more and more convinced it is not evangelical in the historic sense. Dr. Ockenga, "founder of the New Evangelical movement," has the editor of *Christian Science Monitor* and the president of the American Unitarian Society speak at Park Street Church's anniversary. Dr. Ockenga is president of Fuller Seminary.

Then on January 15, Dr. V. Raymond Edman and Wheaton College Choir appeared on the notoriously liberal Chicago Sunday Evening Club program, as had Ockenga.

Dr. Billy Graham spoke at a National Council of Churches service at San Francisco, on the same platform with Dr. Oxnam and Bishop Pike, worst modernists.

Now National Association of Evangelicals unite with Jews, Mormons and Modernists in Thanksgiving services. The *Blu-Print* says:

THIS LEAVES US FLABBERGASTED

"The reason more and more churches of the CBA have dropped affiliation of the NAE can be seen in *Christian Century* article of Jan. 18, 1961, p. 92. On Thanksgiving Day, 1960, the Tuscon Council of Churches broke through the ecumenical barrier with a community service that was truly "community" in scope. So far as is known, this was the first time representatives of the council—the Jewish, Greek Orthodox, military and Mormon communities, the National Association of Evan-

Modernists Speak in Dr. W. B. Riley's Church

From the *Blu-Print*, edited by Sword Cooperative Board Member, we quote a startling news item. We are shocked that Dr. Curtis Akenson, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, is having notorious modernists in his pulpit. Following his friend, Dr. Billy Graham, he who once associated with Bible-believers now chooses the company of enemies of the Bible. Dr. Weniger's article is as follows:

"... *World Council of Churches* executive Dr. Paul R. Albrecht of the department of churches and society of the WCC, is coming from Geneva to bring three addresses at Minneapolis First Baptist Church this week. Dr. Gene Bartlett of the notoriously liberal

Rochester - Colgate Theological Seminary will deliver three addresses at the nationwide ABC meet there. Dr. Robt. McCracken, Fosdick Riverside Church pastor, will speak in addition to NCC defender, Rep. Edith Green.

"This betrayal of the historic Christian faith in the pulpit, made famous by the 45-year ministry of America's leading fundamentalist, Dr. W. B. Riley, appears incredible to Bible-believing people. Dr. Curtis Akenson, president of Northwestern College, is the pastor. We have heard no word of protest to all this from Mrs. W. B. Riley. In two months fundamentalists will celebrate the centennial of Dr. Riley's birth, on March 22."

Man Sent From God

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than meetings such as you had in Buffalo in all of your campaigns throughout the country. May God's richest blessing continue to rest upon you and your loved ones.

Perhaps one of his most successful union meetings was the "Christ for Greater Cleveland" campaign held in the Cleveland Public Hall at Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting was not city-wide in organization, but it was in manifestation. There were ninety-three co-operating churches, only one of which had a membership in excess of five hundred. The majority of the churches on its committee were so-called splinter groups and minor denominations such as Nazarene, Fundamental Baptist, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Pentecostal, Quakers, Salvation Army, mission churches and rescue missions. The campaign ran for thirty days, from February 11 through March 11, in 1945. J. Straton Shufelt was the song leader and soloist. The entire cost of the crusade, including the renting of the big auditorium for a month, did not exceed a budget of \$10,000.

Crowds continued to grow until the closing night when 3,767 people, by count of the public auditorium authorities, jammed the auditorium to hear him preach on, "Missing God's Last Train for Heaven." There were about fifty public professions of faith that night, making a total of about one thousand conversions and reclamations for the crusade. Approximately eight hundred of these were first time decisions for Christ. The meeting was such a tremendous success that the committee conducted a union campaign every year, for some years afterward. However, the minister who was in charge of the inquiry room during the Rice-Shufelt meeting and who has been in all the subsequent campaigns, told me this was by far the best in manifestation of the power of God and in lasting results. Rev. George A. Bates, pastor of the Nottingham Baptist Church, was the general chairman.

Perhaps it would be fitting here to quote the testimony of one of the co-operating pastors, Dr. W. S. Ross, pastor of the Hough Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, now the Cedar Hill Baptist Church. He said:

I have been in the fire zone of revival. They want me to describe it. How can I speak of a fire I cannot describe? How can I express the tremendous sense of God's presence? How can I describe the influence of the power of the Holy Spirit playing over a crowded congregation as an eddying wind plays over the surface of a pond? You cannot describe the spontaneous impulse created by the Holy Spirit! I have witnessed a revival borne along upon the billowing waves of sacred song

but I have no language to describe it.

It is comparatively easy to write of the instruments of revival. The medium through which a revival is made visible. The organization, the preacher, the song-leader, the choir, the great audiences, the hundreds of seekers filing into the inquiry rooms, the personal workers, the testimonies of the born again, and the restored believers. But that is only the outward manifestation of the great work of God mysteriously wrought in the spiritual realm. Dr. John R. Rice and Mr. Stratton Shufelt did not bring the revival. It was not produced by organization and promotion. It was a divine visitation in which God demonstrated what He can do when a praying people depend wholly and absolutely on Him. It may be that God worked in spite of our careful plans, advertising and promotion schemes, rather than because of them.

The spirit of the revival is manifested in the way the people sing. They sing words like men who believe them. They abandon themselves to the spirit and message of the song. Mr. Shufelt and the great chorus seem to become merged into

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Reaping and Gathering Fruit

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that was the 8,000 people who came to this building, and the large number of ministers who seized me by the hand, with the tears trickling down their cheeks, and who gave me a "God bless you!" It gave me a light heart. There are some ministers who get behind the posts, as if they were ashamed of being seen in our company and at our meetings. They come to criticize the sermon and pick it to pieces. No effort is required to do this. We don't want the ministers to criticize, but to help us, and tell us when we are wrong.

There was one minister in this city who did me a great deal of good when I first started out. When I commenced to teach the Word of God I made very many blunders. I have learned that in acquiring anything a man must make many blunders. If a man is going to learn any kind of trade—carpenter's, plumber's, painter's—he will make any amount of mistakes. Well, this minister, an old man, used to take me aside and tell me my errors. So we want the ministers to come to us and tell us of our blunders; and if we get them to do this and join hands with us, a spiritual fountain will break over every church in the city.

Many ministers have said to me, "What do you want us to do?" The Lord must teach us what our work shall be. Let every child of God come up to these meetings and say, "Teach me, O God, what I can do to help these men and women who are inquiring the way to be saved," and at the close of the meetings draw near to them and point out the way. If men and women are to be converted in great meetings, it is by personal dealings with them. What we want is personal contact with them. If a number of people were sick, and a doctor prescribed one kind of medicine for them all, you would think this was wrong. This audience is spiritually diseased, and what we want is that Christian workers will go to them and find out their trouble. Five minutes' private consultation will teach them. What we want is to get at the people. Everyone has his own particular burden; every family has a different story to tell. Take the Gospel of the Lord to them, and show its application; tell them what to do with it, so as to answer their own cases; let the minister come into the inquiry-room.

An old man, a minister in Glasgow, Scotland, was one of the most active in our meetings. When he would be preaching elsewhere he would drive up in a cab, with his Bible in his hand. It made no difference what part of Glasgow he was preaching in, he managed to attend nearly every one of our services. The old man would come in and tenderly speak to those assembled, and let one soul after another see the light. His congregation was comparatively small when we got there, but, by his painstaking efforts to minister to those in search of the Word, when we left Glasgow his church could not hold the people who sought admission, and I do not know of any man who helped us like Dr. Andrew Bonar. He was always ready to give counsel to the weak and point the way out to the soul seeking Christ. If we have not ministers enough, let those we have come forward, and their elders and deacons will follow them.

Great Opportunity for S. S. Teachers to Win Souls

The next class we want to help us to reach the people is the Sunday School teachers, and I value their experience next to that of the ministers. In the cities where we have been, teachers have come to me and said, "Mr. Moody, pray for my Sunday School scholars," and I just took them aside and pointed out their duties, and showed how they themselves ought to be able to pray for their pupils. Next meeting very often they would come, and the prayer would go up from them, "God bless my scholars."

In one city we went to, a Sunday School superintendent came to his minister and said: "I am not fit to gather sinners to life

eternal; I cannot be superintendent any longer." The minister asked: "What is the reason?" and the man said: "I am not right with God." Then the minister advised him that the best thing instead of resigning was to get right with God. So he prayed with that teacher that the truth would shine upon him, and God lit up his soul with the Word. Before I left that town the minister told me all doubt had fled from that superintendent's mind, and had gone earnestly to work and gathered, from the time of his conversion, over 600 scholars into the Sunday School of his church. The Lord can bless, of course, in spite of schools and teachers, but they are the channels of salvation. Bring your classes together, and pray to God to convert them.

We have from 3,000 to 5,000 teachers here. Suppose they said: "I will try to bring my children to Christ," what a reformation we should have. Don't say that that boy is too small, or that girl is too puny or insignificant. Everyone is valuable to the Lord. A teacher, whom I found at our services when she ought to have been attending to her class, upon my asking why she was at our meeting, said: "Well, I have a very small class—only five little boys." "What," said I, "you have come here and neglected the little ones! Why, in that little tow-head may be the seeds of a reformation. There may be a Luther, a Whitefield, a Wesley, or a Bunyan among them. You may be neglecting a chance for them, the effects of which will follow them through life." If you do not look to those things, teachers, someone will step into your vineyard and gather the riches which you would have.

Look what that teacher did in Southern Illinois. She had taught a little girl to love the Saviour, and the teacher said to her: "Can't you get your father to come to the Sunday School?" This father was a swearing, drinking man, and the love of God was not in his heart. But under the tuition of that teacher the little girl went to her father and told him of Jesus' love, and led him to that Sunday School. What was the result? I heard before leaving for Europe that he had been instrumental in founding over 780 Sunday Schools in Southern Illinois. And what a privilege a teacher has—a privilege of leading souls to Christ. Let every Sunday School teacher say, "By the help of God I will try to lead my scholars to Christ."

Christian Young Men Have Blessed Opportunities for Soul Winning

It seems to me that we have more help in our revivals from young men, except from mothers, than from any other class. The young men are pushing, energetic workers. Old men are good for counsel, and they should help, by their good words, the young men in making Christianity aggressive.

These billiard halls have been open long enough. There is many a gem in those places, that only needs the way pointed out to fill their souls with love of Him. Let the young men go plead with them, bring them to the tabernacle, and don't let them go without presenting the claims of Christ, and showing them His never-dying love. Take them by the hand and say, "I want you to become a Christian." What we want is a hand-to-hand conflict with the billiard-saloons and drinking halls. Do not fear, but enter them and ask the young men to come. I know that some of you say in a scornful way, "We will never be allowed to enter; the people who go there will cast us out." This is a mistake. I know that I have gone to them and remonstrated, and have never been unkindly treated. And some of the best workers have been men who have been proprietors of these places, and men who have been constant frequenters. There are young men there breaking their mothers' hearts and losing themselves for all eternity.

The Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ asks you to seek them out. If we cannot get them to come

here, let the building be thrown aside and let us go down and hunt them up and tell them of Christ and Heaven. If we cannot get a multitude to preach to, let us preach, even if it be to one person. Christ preached one of His most wonderful sermons to that woman at the well; and shall we not be willing to go to one as He did, and tell that one of salvation? And let us preach to men even if they are under the influence of liquor.

Drunkards and Bartenders Can Be Saved

I may relate a little experience. In Philadelphia, at one of our meetings, a drunken man rose up. Till that time I had no faith that a drunken man could be converted. When anyone approached, he was generally taken out. This man got up and shouted, "I want to be prayed for." The friends with him tried to draw him away, but he shouted only louder, and three times he repeated the request. His call was attended to and he was converted. God has power to convert a man even if he is drunk.

I have still another lesson. I met a man in New York who was an earnest worker, and I asked him to tell me his experience. He said he had been a drunkard for over twenty years. His parents had forsaken him, and his wife had cast him off and married someone else. He went into a lawyer's office in Poughkeepsie, mad with drink. This lawyer proved a good Samaritan, and reasoned with him, and told him he could be saved. The man scouted the idea: "I must be pretty low when my father and mother, my wife and kindred, cast me off, and there is no hope for me here or hereafter." But this good Samaritan showed him how it was possible to secure salvation, got him on his feet, got him on his beast, like the good Samaritan of old, and guided his face towards Zion. And this man said to me: "I have not drank a glass of liquor since." He is now leader of a young men's meeting in New York.

I asked him to come last Saturday night to Northfield, my native town, where there are a good many drunkards, thinking he might encourage them to seek

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Editor's Notes

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we had a luncheon with a number of ministers and they talked very frankly about their hopes and desires of having a city-wide revival campaign in Raleigh, sponsored only by Bible-believing, out-and-out fundamentally sound churches. At night there were some fifteen preachers in the service. They planned to meet again the following Monday to make further plans, and they asked this editor to plan with them about a great city-wide campaign of several weeks' duration in the next fall or winter season, if plans can be developed with God's blessing.

Raleigh is the center of more modernism and unbelief than any other city in the south. Long Wake Forest College was near Raleigh and it was the first of Southern Baptist colleges to go outright for evolution and against the authority of the Bible. Now endowed with tobacco millions and moved to Winston-Salem, the school has professors who openly, in print, deny the authority of the Bible, deny the virgin birth, and other essentials of the Christian faith. But meantime, eastern North Carolina is, I think, the coldest and most modernistic center in all the south.

If we go to Raleigh we will not seek official sponsorship by the Ministerial Association which in-

cludes many modernists, but will seek the co-operation and help of all Bible-believing, born-again Christians who want an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost, sin-convicting, soul-saving, city-shaking revival.

We ask Christian friends to pray. There is great need to set again a proper pattern for city-wide revival campaigns without selling out to modernists and dishonoring the Book and the blood.

My heart has been so greatly stirred by the hundreds saved out of darkest heathendom, out of Catholicism and nominal Christianity, that I began to pray that God will give time and help and open doors for some more great city-wide campaigns. Anywhere a few pastors who believe the Bible can get together, I will be glad to come or send a spiritual representative who can plan with them, enlist others, advise and counsel and pray about the possibility of a revival campaign conducted only by Bible-believing, born-again Christians and churches in your community.

Those Wonderful Contest Sermons!

God willing, the last issue in March we will begin publication of the winners in our recent SWORD Evangelistic Sermon Contest.

The winners include Dr. Tom Malone, Dr. R. G. Lee, Dr. Lee Roberson, Rev. Hugh Pyle, Dr. John Linton, Evangelist Fred Barlow, Rev. Jack Hyles, Missionary Norman Lewis, Dr. Arthur Petrie, and Dr. Ernest Pickering. Other fine sermons entered in the contest, and though not in the first ten, kept for publication are from Dr. W. Herschel Ford of First Baptist Church, El Paso; Evangelist Glen Schunk, Dr. Russell Ayers Pavy of Fresno, California; Dr. Monroe Parker, president of Pillsbury College; Dr. Charles W. Anderson, Bloomfield, New Jersey; Evangelist Paul Levin, Dr. Walter Hughes of Ilderton, Ontario, Canada; Evangelist Fred Brown, Chattanooga; Dr. Andrew Telford, Philadelphia, and extra sermons by Rev. Hugh Pyle, Dr. Lee Roberson, etc.

I feel that we had the best set of sermons in this contest that we have ever had. And I repeat again that the greatest sermons published in this generation are published in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We are glad to pay \$1,600 for the ten best sermons, and to pay adequately for these other sermons which were strong competition in the race with hundreds of other noble men of God.

These sermons to the unsaved will thrill your heart. Whoever heard or read greater sermons than those by Dr. Tom Malone and Dr. Robert G. Lee, for example? Look forward to them beginning the last Friday in March.

I advise you to save every paper, pass it among friends. I advise you to get in all the subscriptions possible before that series of great sermons begins in THE SWORD the last Friday in March.

We expect many, many souls to be saved through the publication of these sermons and that thousands of preachers will be inspired and helped in their preaching by these noble examples.

Who Will Help Send the Gospel?

We are glad to announce the addition of Radio Station KLAY, Tacoma, Washington, 106.3 MC on your dial, to the "Voice of Revival" radio network, each Sunday. We want to hear from all the listeners in the Tacoma area. Hear the old-time revival preaching of Evangelist John R. Rice, hear the strong and remarkable choir, the sweet duets of the Rice sisters, etc.

We are especially concerned about our broadcast at 8:00 p.m. on CKLW, the 50,000-watt station at Detroit, 800 KC on your dial. The program is at 8:00 p.m. Sunday. That means that the best Christians will usually be in church services. And yet that is a grand hour for reaching unsaved people. If this heavy expense is to be cared for, it means that many of us who do not hear the broadcast, but who want to get out the Gospel must help pay for it. In March 16:15 we are commanded, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." And the "every creature" includes those who are not at church on Sunday night and so may now hear this broadcast in the Detroit-Pontiac-Toledo-Windsor area. So those who listen and feel accountable to God for the lost souls in that area, will you help us keep the Gospel going out every Sunday night on CKLW, the 50,000-watt station? Have the services announced, tell your friends, and pray that God will help us pay the heavy radio expenses.

We were greatly encouraged by the gift of \$1,000 this last week for the radio from a noble man of God. Those who can give much should consider giving much. Those who can give little should give little in Jesus' name. The work is growing, the need is great, and God is blessing.

Last night as we met to make recordings of two broadcasts in the big professional recording studio of Mr. Super's, we had prayer and thanked God that for every week in 1961 thus far we have heard from somebody who found Christ, and have had earnest inquires from lost people who wanted to be saved through hearing our "Voice of Revival" broadcast!

Oh, I have been more impressed than ever in these last few weeks in India and Winston-Salem that this plain, sharp Bible preaching with boldness and tears and the power of the Holy Spirit is what is needed everywhere. Will you help us get out the Gospel through the "Voice of Revival" broadcast? Please send what gifts you can to Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

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Man Sent From God

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one great choir of tremendous volume of praise.

The revival is demonstrated in turning nominal Christians into evangelists. The zeal and

earnestness of Dr. Rice is reproduced in many people you never expected to see becoming definite personal workers. At one meeting a Sunday School teacher won eight of his scholars to a public confession of Christ. The Sunday Schools are reaping a bountiful harvest. The family altar is reaping a harvest and at almost every service fathers and mothers may be seen bringing their children to Christ.

One deacon said, "I used to bring unsaved friends to my church but nothing happened. During this meeting I have been bringing them here and God is graciously saving them one by one."

The revival is being expressed in a spirit of thanksgiving and intercession. People are being compelled to prayer in faith and deep earnestness. The Christians everywhere are singing, praying,

offering praise and pleading with God for the salvation of the lost. There is a great return on the part of church members, under the inspired touch of the Holy Spirit, to exercise their priestly function of giving thanks and interceding.

The recognition of the presence of the Spirit manifesting the Lord Jesus in His atoning death, justifying resurrection, reconciling mediation, and as the one and only way to peace with God, is a sure evidence of real revival. Men with sin-blinded eyes are seeing God and the vision is being merged into virtue. Crooked ways are being made straight. Bad debts are being paid. Believers are coming out from evil doers and being separated unto God....

I have been in the fire zone of a revival. I know that churches, where spiritual life is languishing, may have a revival today as surely as in the days of Wesley, Moody, Finney, and Sunday. God can still rouse men from apathy and indifference and compel them to face squarely the fateful decision upon which their whole future depends. In other words, "He changes His angels into winds, and His ministering servants into a flame of fire."

From January 13 through February 3 in 1946, Dr. Rice conducted a united revival campaign in Pontiac, Michigan, where forty-eight churches sponsored the services held in the two-thousand-seat Oakland Avenue Tabernacle.

In March of that year he conducted a union campaign in Miami, Florida. Services were held in the city auditorium and were sponsored officially by forty-four Baptist churches of the Miami Baptist Association. The meeting was only fifteen days in duration but there were over six hundred public professions of faith recorded on cards in the inquiry room, plus another estimated four hundred professions of faith in the public schools where they were not able to have inquiry rooms or to talk privately to the students, according to the chairman of the campaign, Rev. James H. Christie.

For five weeks in 1946, beginning April 28 and closing June 2, over two hundred churches and organizations banded together to sponsor a great "Life Begins" evangelistic crusade in the city of Chicago. Speaker for the first two weeks was Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., founder of Bob Jones University. The third week was led by Dr. Paul Rood of Glendale, California, and the final fifteen days by Dr. John R. Rice. J. Stratton Shufelt led the music throughout the campaign. The meeting was held in the Chicago Arena at East Erie and McClurg Court, seating over seven thousand people, in the same neighborhood where the big Billy Sunday tabernacle had been built twenty-eight years previously. The Jones-Rood-Rice Crusade was the first effort at a united campaign in Chicago since Sunday's meeting of 1918. Frank W. Sheriff of the Christian Business Men's Committee was chairman of the general committee and W. G. Haymaker was executive director.

Chairman Sheriff reported of the meeting:

The united 'Life Begins' campaign in the Chicago Arena was brought to a glorious conclusion... when a great crowd heard Dr. John R. Rice's final message, "When God's Patience Wears Out." It was a stirring address that gripped hearts of all who heard and made the redeemed glad they were saved and burdened and anxious to win the unsaved to Christ. Over thirty decisions, clean-cut and definite, were made, bringing the total for the campaign in all services to over two thousand. In addition, there doubtless were four hundred young lives fully dedicated to the service of Christ, wherever led of the Holy Spirit, and it would be safe to say that hundreds of Christians made secret decisions to serve Christ better and to walk more closely with God. Homes were re-established, family altars started, separated husbands and wives reunited, and many of the Lord's people given a new vision of their responsibility to witness and win others to Christ.

One leading Chicago minister, a man who had been on Billy Sunday's committee in 1918 and a veteran evangelist himself, said that although the crowds did not equal those of the Sunday meetings in 1918, the results were greater and far better.

In September of 1946, Rice went to Dayton, Ohio, for a union meeting with about one hundred sponsoring churches. Originally invited by the Christian Business Men's Committee, he refused to go unless Bible-believing pastors and churches came in and officially sponsored the campaign. These pastors and churches were invited separately to unite and the crusade was limited, as all of the Rice crusades have been, to the fundamental, evangelical churches. Dr. Daniel C. Campbell, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, was general chairman.

Services were held in the Memorial Hall with a seating capacity of about twenty-seven or twenty-eight hundred. Harry D. Clarke, for eight years Billy Sunday's song leader, had charge of the music. There were more than five hundred public decisions for Christ in the Memorial Hall, including both conversions and backsliders reclaimed. In addition there were approximately four hundred and fifty others who claimed Christ in the four high schools where the evangelist spoke. Others were saved in other services apart from the night meetings in the Memorial Hall.

In January of 1947, Dr. Rice, again with Harry Clarke as song leader, conducted a campaign sponsored by about twenty churches in Lima, Ohio. Services were held in the South High School auditorium and three hundred and fifty-three public professions of faith were recorded in the inquiry room, about three-fourths of which were first-time conversions. An estimated additional two hundred claimed Christ when the team spoke in high schools over the county. Dr. Harman J. Dutton was chairman of the campaign.

On February 18 through March 5, the Rice-Clarke team conducted a union campaign in Marion, Ohio. Rev. R. W. Faulkner, pastor of the Calvary Evangelical United Brethren Church, was general chairman. There were over two hundred first-time professions of faith in this campaign.

In March and April of the same year the Rice-Clarke evangelistic team held a big united tent revival in San Pedro, California, sponsored by about twenty-five different churches and religious groups. The tent had a seating capacity of about fifteen hundred and was located just two blocks from Sixth and Beacon streets, a spot which was written up in Bob Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" column as the toughest corner in the world. Rev. Fred H. Ross, pastor of the First Methodist Church was general chairman. There were over six hundred registered decisions for Christ in the inquiry room.

Space does not permit listing details of other campaigns but some of the outstanding crusades were conducted in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada (two tremendous ones); Presque Isle, Maine; and Springfield, Missouri. Actually, it was about this time that Dr. Rice was forced to make a decision as to whether he wanted to hold great city-wide campaigns or help mold and influence the Christian public through the pages of THE SWORD OF THE LORD which was growing by leaps and bounds.

Finally concluding that more permanent good could be done for Christ and evangelism through the paper, he was compelled to turn down more and more opportunities for city-wide revivals. As his son-in-law, Walt Hanford, expressed it in a letter to me: "One of the keen human disappointments in Dr. Rice's life has been that after his pioneer labor bringing back city-wide evangelism to America, his crushing load of editorial responsibility made it impossible for him to maintain full-time an evangelistic party or to do the ground work necessary to open other large meetings." I do not think he has ever regretted his choice.

The thrilling story of his ministry through THE SWORD OF THE LORD will be told in the next chapter.

Searching the Scriptures for the Saviour *Free!*

By Elizabeth Handford

Exodus 32

The Law Is Broken

Does it seem strange to include this chapter on the breaking of the law in our search for the Saviour? It isn't, for this portrays how hopeless it is for us to try to reach Heaven by keeping the commandments. When God gave the law, the people promised, "all that the Lord hath spoken we will do" (Exod. 19:8). Yet within forty days they had gone into terrible, wicked idolatry. Why did God give a law which could not be kept? Because, by the law is the knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20). It is a mirror, showing how far short we fall (James 1:23). Best of all, it is a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:24). Jesus perfectly fulfilled the law, and then died on the cross to become our salvation (Rom. 8:3, 4).

CLUES ACROSS

- 1 "_____ hath any gold, let them break it off"
- 9 "_____ had made them naked unto their shame"
- 10 famous clinic in Rochester, Minn.
- 12 wait for _____
- 15 "all the _____ whose heart stirred them up in wisdom" (Exod. 35)
- 16 "In the _____ day of this month they shall take _____ a lamb" (Exod. 12)
- 18 "For _____ for this Moses, the man that brought us up"
- 19 "Whoever _____ sinned against me, him will I blot out"
- 20 "Oh, this _____ people have _____ a great sin"
- 24 "let _____ alone, that my wrath may wax hot"
- 25 initials of two men of God, one brought by his mother to the temple to serve the other (I Sam. 2:11, 18)
- 27 "why doth thy wrath wax hot _____ thy people?"
- 31 "thou knowest the people, that they _____ set on mischief"
- 33 brother of Zophar (I Chron. 7:35)
- 34 "do good to them that _____ you" (Matt. 5)
- 35 to weep with convulsive heavings
- 38 initials of father and mother of Samuel (I Sam. 1:19, 20)
- 39 "Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto _____"
- 40 "we wot not what is become of _____"
- 42 "thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted _____"
- 46 "_____ get thee down"
- 47 a cubic decimetre (a measure)
- 48 initials of two friends of David the prophet who rebuked him and the faithful man whose death David caused (II Sam. 12:1; 11:24)
- 49 "I _____ visit their sin upon them"
- 51 "and if not, _____ me, I pray thee, out of thy book"
- 53 a grain not hurt by the hail in Egypt (but use modern spelling) (Exod. 9:32)
- 54 "the writing was _____ writing of God"
- 55 "which brought thee up _____ of the land of Egypt"

CLUES DOWN

- 1 "Turn from thy fierce _____" (Rom. 4)
- 2 "For what _____ the scripture?"
- 3 "Then shall an _____ of the Lord be between them" (Exod. 22)
- 4 son of Judah (Gen. 38:6)
- 5 "_____ and pay unto the Lord your God" (Psa. 76)
- 6 a printer's measure
- 7 "Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the _____" (Exod. 29)
- 8 "to slay them in the mountains, and to _____ them from the face of the earth?"
- 10 "when the people saw that _____ delayed to come down"
- 11 "For all the promises of God in him are _____" (II Cor. 1)
- 13 "Thou wilt surely _____ away, both thou, and this people" (Exod. 18)
- 14 "Go to the _____, thou sluggard" (Prov. 6)
- 17 "But your little _____ which ye said should be a prey" (Num. 14)
- 21 brother of Sheleah (I Chron. 7:35)
- 22 the wages of sin (Rom. 6:23)
- 23 "for in the month Abib thou _____ out of Egypt" (Exod. 34)
- 26 "that he may _____ upon you a blessing this day"
- 28 nickname for a U. S. soldier
- 29 "I give unto your seed, and they shall _____ it for ever"
- 30 "I will make of _____ a great nation"
- 32 "For he must _____, till he hath put all enemies under his feet" (I Cor. 15)
- 36 "_____ that I knew where I might find him!" (Job 23)
- 37 "Whose end is destruction, whose God is their _____" (Phil. 3)
- 39 initial of queen whom Esther replaced, and uncle who watched over Esther (Esther 1:15; 2:5, 7)
- 41 Moses turned, and went down from the _____
- 43 "whosoever shall compel thee to go a _____, go with him twain" (Matt. 5)
- 44 initials of first wife and brother of Jacob (Gen. 29:21, 23; 32:3)
- 45 Canal between Lake Superior and Huron (_____)
- 50 father of Shupplim and Hupplim (I Chron. 7:12)
- 51 "These _____ thy gods, O Israel!"
- 52 "_____ tomorrow is a feast unto the Lord"



Unfortunately, not many can claim what the husband did down in Arkansas! The other day, while checking tax returns in the Little Rock office, an Internal Revenue man suddenly broke out in unrestrained merriment. It seems that in response to a question about "marital status," some trying-to-be-honest taxpayer had written "good."

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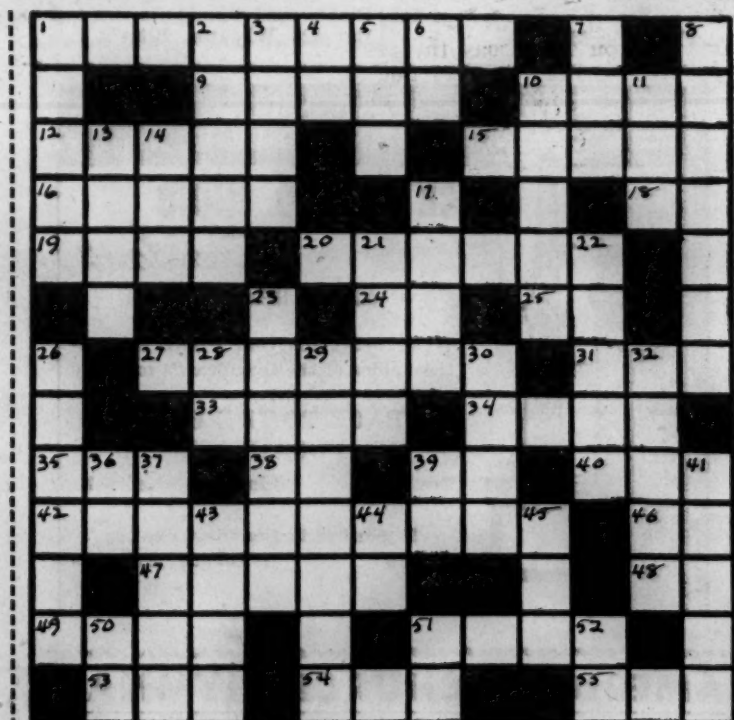
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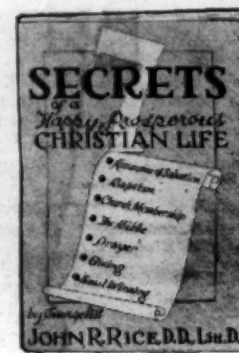
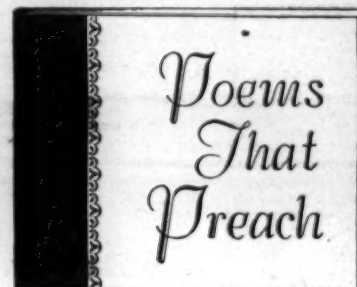
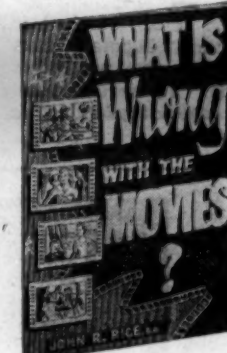
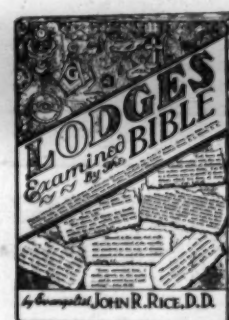
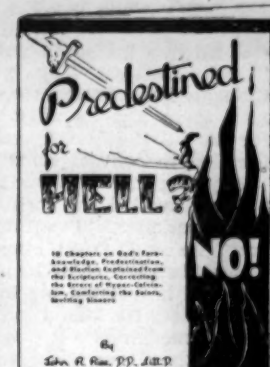
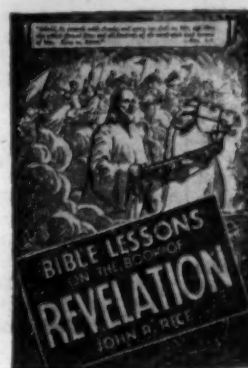
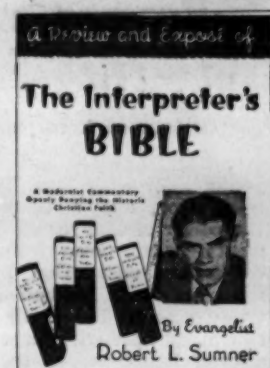
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Reaping and Gathering Fruit

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salvation. He came and brought a young man with him. They held a meeting, and it seemed as if the power of God rested upon that meeting when these two men went on telling what God had done for them—how He had destroyed the works of the Devil in their hearts, and brought peace and unalloyed happiness to their souls. These grog shops here are the work of the Devil—they are ruining men's souls every hour. Let us fight against them, and let our prayers go up in our battle: "Lord, manifest Thy power in Chicago this coming month." It may seem a very difficult thing for us, but it is a very easy thing for God to convert rumsellers.

A young man in New York got up and thrilled the meeting with his experience. "I want to tell you," he said, "that nine months ago a Christian came to my house and said he wanted me to become a Christian. He talked to me kindly and encouragingly, pointing out the error of my ways, and I became converted. I had been a hard drinker, but since that time I have not touched a drop of liquor. If anyone had asked who the most hopeless man in that town was, they would have pointed to me." Today this young man is the superintendent of a Sunday School.

Eleven years ago, when I went to Boston, I had a cousin who wanted a little of my experience; I gave him all the help I could, and he became a Christian. He did not know how near death was to him. He wrote to his brother and said: "I am very anxious to get your soul to Jesus." The letter, somehow, went to another city, and lay from the 28th of February to the 28th of March—just one month. He saw it was in his brother's handwriting, and tore it open and read the above words. It struck a chord in his heart, and was the means of converting him. And this was the Christian who led this drunken young man to Christ.

This young man had a neighbor who had drunk for forty years and he went to that neighbor and told him what God had done for him, and the result was another conversion.

I tell you these things to encourage you to believe that the drunkards and saloon-keepers can be saved. There is work for you to do, and by and by the harvest shall be gathered, and what a scene will be on the shore when we hear the Master on the throne shout: "Well done! Well done!"

Mothers Are Accountable to God for Lost Children

Let me say a word to you, mothers. We depend a good deal upon you. It seems to me that there is not a father and mother in all Chicago who should not be in sympathy with this work. You

have daughters and sons, and if work is done now they will be able to steer clear of many temptations, and will be able to lead better lives here. It seems to me selfishness if they sit down inactive and say: "There is no use in this. We are safe ourselves, what is the use of troubling?" If the mothers and fathers of the whole community would unite their prayers, and send up one appeal to God to manifest His power, in answer to them there would be mighty work.

I remember, in Philadelphia, we wanted to see certain results, and we called a meeting of mothers. There were from five to eight thousand mothers present, and each of them had a particular burden upon her heart. There was a mother who had a wayward daughter, another a reckless son, another a bad husband. We spoke to them confidently, and we bared our hearts to one another. They prayed for aid from the Lord, and that grace might be shown to these sons, and daughters, and husbands, and the result was that our inquiry-rooms were soon filled with anxious and earnest inquirers.

Let me tell you about a mother in Philadelphia. She had two wayward sons. They were wild, dissipated youths. They were to meet on a certain night—and join in dissipation. The rendezvous was at the corner of Market and Thirteenth Streets, where our meetings were held. One of the young men entered the large meeting, and when it was over, went to the

young men's meeting near at hand, and was quickened, and there prayed that the Lord might save him. His mother had gone to the meeting that night, and, arriving too late, found the door closed. When that young man went home he found his mother praying for him, and the two mingled their prayers together. While they were praying together, the other brother came from the other meeting, and brought tidings of being converted, and at the next meeting the three got up and told their experience, and I never heard an audience so thrilled before or since.

Another incident. A wayward boy in London, whose mother was very anxious for his salvation, said to her: "I am not going to be bothered with your prayers any longer; I will go to America and be rid of them." "But, my boy," she said, "God is on the sea and in America, and He hears my prayers for you." Well, he came to this country, and as they sailed into the port of New York, some of the sailors told him that Moody and Sankey were holding meetings in the Hippodrome. The moment he landed he started for our place of meeting, and there he found Christ. He became a most earnest worker, and he wrote to his mother and told her that her prayers had been answered, that he had been saved, and that he had found his mother's God.

Mothers and fathers, lift up your hearts in prayer, that there may be hundreds and thousands saved in this city.

Bringing Lost People to Hear the Soul-Winning Preacher Gets Results

When I was in London, there was one lady dressed in black, up in the gallery. All the rest were ministers. I wondered who that lady could be. At the close of the meeting I stepped up to her, and she asked me if I did not remember her. I did not, but she told me who she was, and her story came to my mind.

When we were preaching in Dundee, Scotland, a mother came up with her two sons, 16 and 17 years old. She said to me: "Will you talk to my boys?" I asked her if she would talk to the inquirers, and told her there were more inquirers than workers. She said she was not a good enough Christian—was not prepared enough. I told her I could not talk to her then. Next night she came to me and asked me again, and the following night she repeated her request. Five hundred miles she journeyed to get God's blessing for her boys. Would to God we had more mothers like her. She came to London, and the first night I was there I saw her in Agricultural Hall. She was accompanied by only one of her boys—the other had died. Towards the close of the meetings I received this letter from her:

Dear Mr. Moody:

For months I have never considered the day's work ended unless you and your work had been specially prayed for. Now it appears before us more and more. What in our little measure we have found, has no doubt been the happy experience of many others in London. My husband and I sought as our greatest privilege to take unconverted friends, one by one, into Agricultural Hall, and I thank God that, with a single exception, those brought under the preaching from your lips have accepted Christ as their Saviour, and are rejoicing in His love.

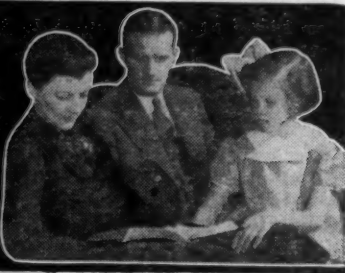
That lady was a lady of wealth and position. She lived a little way out of London: gave up her beautiful home and took lodgings near Agricultural Hall, so as to be useful in the inquiry-room. When we went down to the Opera House she was there; when we went down to the east end there she was again, and when I left London she had the names of 150 who had accepted Christ from her. Some have said that our work in London was a failure. Ask her if the work was a failure, and she will tell you. If we had a thousand such mothers in Chicago we would lift it. Go and bring your friends here to the meetings. Think of the privilege, my friends, of saving a soul. If we are going to work for good, we must be up and about it. Men say, "I have not the time." Take it. Ten minutes every day for Christ will give you good wages. There is many a man who is working for you. Take them by the hand. Some of you with silver locks, I think I hear you saying, "I wish I were young, how I would rush into the battle." Well, if you cannot be a fighter, you can pray and lead on the others. There are two kinds of old people in the world. One grows chilled and sour, and there are others who light up every meeting with their genial presence and cheer on the workers. Draw near, old age, and cheer on the others, and take them by the hand and encourage them.

There was a building on fire. The flames leaped around the staircase, and from a three-story window a little child was seen who cried for help. The only way to reach it was by a ladder. One was obtained and a fireman ascended, but when he had almost reached the child, the flames broke from the window and leaped around him. He faltered and seemed afraid to go further. Suddenly someone in the crowd shouted, "give him a cheer," and cheer after cheer went up. The fireman was nerved with new energy, and rescued the child. Just so with our young men. Whenever you see them wavering, cheer them on. If you cannot work yourself, give them cheers to nerve them on in their glorious work. May the blessing of God fall upon this afternoon, and let every man and woman be up and doing.

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